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"We Are Growing"
Richard L. Hamm, Editor
Volume XLIV January 7, 1987 No. 1

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HEALING SERVICE THIS SUNDAY

Our monthly Prayer & Healing Service will be this Sunday, January 11, 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

COMING.....

Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance, January 18, 1987, 7:30 p.m. at Plymouth Congregational Church, Berry at Fairfield. A service of worship sponsored by the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and Associated Churches. Theme of the nation-wide observance is "Living the Dream - Let Freedom Ring: Dilemma and Challenge".

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, January 13, 7:30 p.m.

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ASSOCIATED CHURCHES OF FORT WAYNE AND ALLEN COUNTY, INC.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jeff Johnson (son of Bill & Ginny) and Lynda Newell were united in marriage at Aldersgate Methodist on Saturday, January 3. Congratulations!

THANK YOU'S

We wish to thank the following for preparing the meal for us after the funeral: Bette Haines, Mabel Watson, Grace Truby, and Dorothy Overmyer.

Burl Feltenberger & Family

Thank you so much for the poinsettia you sent to Troy for Christmas. We are enjoying it. How nice it was to look out, and see the Carollers at our front door. Thank you all. And a very special thank you to, Dick, for all the love and care you have given to us.

Troy & Evelyn Yeoman

Many thanks to Bette Haines for preparing the 1987 envelopes and getting them ready to mail!

TO: HELEN DONNELL AND THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Thank you so much for the beautiful choral presentation. We appreciate your time and spirit of giving.

Kathleen Bredemeyer and Residents of Regency

The carolers were wonderful. I was greatly touched to know so many cared.

Mary Piatt

FOOD BANK REPORT FOR 1986

Number of families served: 315
Number of individuals: 1,184
Number of first time clients: 126
Number of repeat clients: 189
Meals served (estimate): 10,680
Clients over 60 years old: 42

The Food Bank is one of those ministries of First Christian Church that should be a continual source of pride to our people! While a number of neighborhood churches contribute to the Bank here, First Christian contributes the lion's share....some $3,500.00 per year plus many canned and other non-perishable items. As one of 23 food banks in the Allen County system, the above figures attest to a real need in our community.

My personal thanks go to Edna Nordblom and Gini Brown who co-chair our effort, to Mary Wilhelm who does the bookkeeping, and to the following volunteers from First who give of their time that others may live: Betty Harter, Bill Crouse, Dick Mory, Vince Wells, Don Parlette, Bev Hendricks, Helen Lobdell, Josephine Weyer, Phyllis & Russell Long, Mary King, Ruth Plummer, Mary Schnurr, Bette Haines, Alice Sturgis, Louise Fultz, Mildred Hutchinson, Walter Bowen, Jeff Young, and Laura York.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 1-4-87

Sheri & Helen Brudi, 510G Golfview; Mrs. Violet Skelton, 6815 S. Calhoun Street; Mr. & Mrs. James Atkins, 4831 Wayne Park Drive.

YOUTH NEWS.....

CYF: Save the date of January 18 for a skating party! (More details later!)

There will be no regular Chi Rho Fellowship meeting this Sunday!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

My family and I had a nice relaxed visit with my parents and upon our return, lo and behold, the sky is blue! Such a deal! I feel quite refreshed.

While in St. Pete, I saw an article in the newspaper which stunned me. It said that 3 of every 100 American men were in prison or on probation or parole at the end of 1985 (Justice Department figures). Think of it! 3% of American men! To me, this is a clear indication that building more prisons is not an answer to the problem of crime in America. There are some fundamental problems which need to be addressed within our society. My hunch is that these problems have to do with unemployment, racism, and the way we connect materialism and personal self-worth in this country. When 3% of our male population is involved, one has to strongly suspect that there are systemic problems rather than just individual problems.

We Americans believe in "rugged individualism", and this is a great strength of our country. However, belief in the individuals responsibility can sometimes blind us to problems that are caused by systems and which can be addressed only systemically. This is something for Christians to think about, for salvation, too, is not only individual but also systemic.

Hope you're having a great beginning for 1987!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

In the year 721 the northern ten tribes of Israelites were captured and carried off into slavery by the assyrians, thus making much fodder for fanciful stories concerning the fate of these captives. Especially in the eighteen-hundreds, many religious dreamers let their imaginations run rampant on the theme of the "lost ten tribes of Israel." Even though these people were merely assimilated into the peoples by whom they were captured, Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism, claimed that they had made their way to the Americans and became the ancestors of the American Indians. A Scotsman named John Wilson in 1840 published a book propounding the theory that the Israelites arrived in the British Isles and that all the peoples of those islands are actually Jewish (in spite of the fact that the decent of the British people is well documented to the contrary).

Some of these ridiculous notions survive today, with this group or that group claiming exclusive right to the special blessing of God that rests on the Jewish people. But the New Testament makes it very plain that through Jesus Christ those blessings no longer rest on a particular "chosen people". No religion that seeks to claim God's grace for its own small handful is truly New Testament faith. No Group that seeks to exclude some human population from the saving work of Jesus Christ can say they embrace the New Testament. Christ died for all. Period. And that is good news, because you, whoever you are, are included!

Hear this old and simple message: God's blessing, his love and care for his people, is for you.

Shalom!

Ron

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

If you are not now involved in a Sunday School class, consider coming this Sunday to the first meeting of a new Bible study class! After an initial short course on how to go about reading and understanding the Bible we will begin studying a New Testament book chapter-by-chapter. We will meet in front of the stage in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 11. Hope to see you there!

SERVING JANUARY 11

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Sam Hayes and Wayne Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Smith-SW, D. Strickland-NW, E. Conrad, J. Kelly

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USHERS

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10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, M. Westerfield, E. Kreischer

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Dee Harter

10:45 A.M. Beth Wiltfong

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Jt. Weicker - K. Taylor

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9:15 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

7:00 P.M. Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall

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7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

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6:30 P.M. Active Parenting Course

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship

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7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

6:30 P.M. Parents Night Out

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

9:00 A.M. Pastor's Class for youth

BIRTHDAYS January 17-23

Greg Showalter (17)

Troy Yeoman (17)

Calvin Jones (17)

Walter Williams (17)

Lee Ann Penny (17)

Phyllis Brickley (18)

Jack Sauerwein (18)

Robert Finkhousen (19)

Twyla Streeter (19)

Chip Olson (19)

David Alexander (19)

Chanel Novachcoff (19)

Mark Snyder (20)

Michael Stone (20)

Tim Sauerwein (20)

Peggy Buskirk (20)

Daniel Auer (21)

Jim Plummer (21)

Gladys Hoop (23)

Delores Keebortz (23)

Harriett Cole (23)

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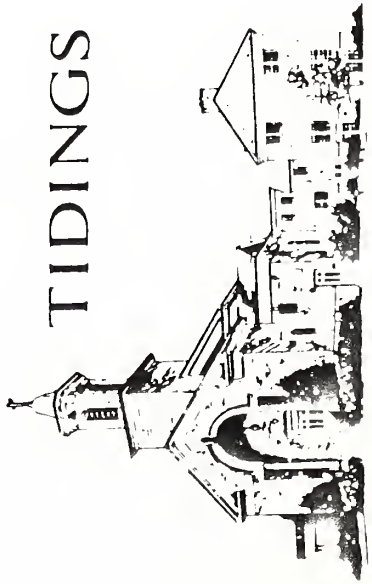

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SYMPATHY

Bette Jones mother died in Logansport after a long illness.

Mabel Cross died at Lawton Nursing Home on Friday, January 9. Dr. Hamm had services.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Bradley Neilson King, born December 31, 1986 to Carolyn (Hendricks) King. Bob & Bev Hendricks are the proud grandparents!

THANK YOU!

Thank you for the two Christmas plants, visits and the Christmas Caroliers. I enjoyed all very much.

Mrs. Blanche Lehman

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YOUTH NEWS.....

CHI RHO: Due to the CYF activity, there will be no Chi Rho meeting this Sunday. See you next week.

CYF: Meet at the church at 2:30 p.m. for ice skating!

OFFICE HOURS FOR MINISTER OF MUSIC, HELEN DONNELL

Helen Donnell, our Minister of Music, will be in the new music office at First, on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 1-11-87

Rose Gaskill, 5907 Lois Lane; Lisa Worrell, 348 S. Cornell Circle; Sue Ellen Scott; Ron Barber; Michele Bever, W. Lafayette, IN.

ALL Contributors should have received a 1986 Statement of Giving. Please check your statement and report any discrepancies to the church office as soon as possible!

Thank you

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I saw a remarkable note in the paper a couple weeks ago. Oral Roberts (one of the truely gigantic ego's of our time) has told his followers that he needs $4.5 million in "quick money" or God won't let him live past March! God "told him" raising the possibility of his death was "necessary to get his followers' attention". Roberts said, "We're at the point where God could call Oral Roberts home."

I think its probably time for God to call Oral home, at least for a consultation!

I believe this sort of appeal falls under the Biblical injunction not to "tempt God." Roberts says he needs the money to fund scholarships for medical students at ORU. That sounds altruistic enough but let us remember how the Roberts organization has operated over the years.

To wit, for years the Oral Roberts organization has been giving away free books to people who write in or send a donation. Donations have in large measure been used to pay for these "free" books and other materials. That sounds fine till you realize that Oral Roberts personally owns the publishing house, so every book given away represents a profit for the Roberts family!

Alas, if the fact that he named a university after himself does not serve to make his operation transparent, this latest episode probably won't deter his supporters either. And so the religous exploitation goes on.....

If you'd like to read something more about Roberts and others of his ilk, I recommend a book to you: "The Preachers", by James Morris, 1973, St. Martin's Press, New York.

Have a great week.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday's sermon will be on Baptism.

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

When asked what kind of a mother she had been, Rose Kennedy replied, "An old-fashioned one. I never went in for the newfangled.....Of course, there are some good things about modern life. I've always wanted to say something nice, for example, about whoever invented the zipper."

We enjoy, indeed depend on, so many little things in life, things we hardly notice, each one of which is a result of some individual's or group's work, thought, and effort. Around our lives is woven a web of interconnectedness, of interdependence and interrelationship which we seldom stop to notice. So I would like to stop and say something nice about whoever it was that invented the zipper, and to ask God for the grace to contribute something of lasting value, however small, to the ongoing web of life and culture we are together weaving in all we do.

In fact, I bet there is something nice that could be said about what you are doing!

Shalom! Don

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7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

12:00 NOON D.M.A. Potluck Luncheon

BIRTHDAYS January 24-30

Mimi Westerfield (24)
Phyllis Tryon (24)
Linda Stover (25)
Marilyn Byers (25)
Dorothy Schmidt (25)
Janet Weicker (25)
Jack Jones (25)
Virginia Dare (26)
Metta Stucky (27)
Doug Olson (27)
Dorothy Green (27)
Florence Hagar (28)
William Kerley (28)
Wade Smith (28)
Jack Bennett (29)
Jaynie Bonahoom (29)
Martha Warner (30)
Natalie Urich (30)

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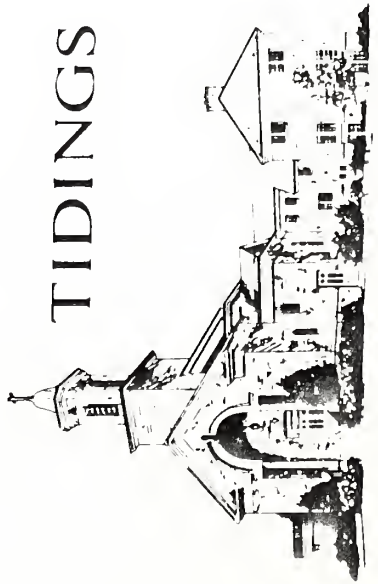

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The following young people made their confession and were baptized Sunday:

Marsha Busse (daughter of Cheryl & Larry), Jim Davis (son of Sara & George), David Hamm (son of Mindy & Dick), Dan Mory (son of Diane & Dick).

Welcome to you all! May God bless you as you begin your Christian journey.

THIS SUNDAY IS LAY SUNDAY!

Hear Janet Weicker share her faith!

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES ANNUAL MEETING, MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 6:00 P.M., FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dagmar Celeste, wife of the Governor of Ohio and an active churchwoman will address the Assembly after dinner. She is active in women's issues, alcohol and drug rehabilitation programs, and family life programs, all through the lens of Christian commitment. She is qualified to speak to us about the church!

Call the church office immediately for reservations for dinner! This is worth your time!

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE NEEDED

We need some volunteers to look in on some of our shut-ins on a regular basis. If you would like to bring some sunshine into the life of another and could make at least one weekly visit, please call Dick Hamm as soon as possible. This is a real way to serve in Christ's name.

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PASTORS' CLASS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, AGAIN!

If you were interested in this class but were unable to attend the one held January 18, please contact Dick or Don or the office this week as we will be scheduling another one soon!

BINGO PRIZES NEEDED

The CWF is assisting with the yearly bingo game at the Byron Health Center on February 9. Items requested are: pens, stationery, shoe shining materials, jewelery, cards, cologne and after shave lotion. A collection box is available inside the parking lot door until after February 8.

WE'RE GOING TO TAG YOU ON FEBRUARY 15! MORE LATER!

COMMITTEES MEET TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 7:00 P.M.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD MEETS TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

CALLED TOGETHER FOR MISSION
Week of Laity
January 25—31, 1987

WEEK OF THE LAITY, combining Women's Day and Laymen's Sunday, is our opportunity to emphasize World Mission and Ministry of the Church while honoring the lay persons for their participation in the Week of Laity.

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YOUTH NEWS.....

Chi Rho & CYF will not meet this Sunday, January 25.

100% CHANCE OF RAIN!

Now the Lord was unhappy with the people of the earth,
They were not what they ought to be and not what they're worth,
They were bad, and ugly, and mean as they could be,
and the Lord had to clean things up as you will see!

in a jazz musical for children, age K-5th!

Creative Arts in Worship -

Wednesday evenings, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

And the lesson is.....

100% Chance of Love!

Please bring the children to us!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 1-18-87

Bob & Maxine Harter, 438 Huffman Street; Tom Creed, 826 Nelson; Miss Alison Andrews, 2707 Witchwood; Nick Knappenberger, 171 Country Forest; Mr. & Mrs. Ken Macy, Miss Brenda Macy, 2723½ Broadway.

INDIANA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES LEGISLATIVE FORUM

This Saturday, January 24, 10:00 a.m. at Second Presbyterian, Indianapolis, Cost is $10.00.

Meet the Indiana Speaker of the House and other legislators. Review upcoming issues facing our state eg. legalized gambling, welfare, reform, capital punishment.

Call Dick for more information. We received word of this late but would like to have a representative there.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

One of the real joys of my life came as I had the privilege of baptizing my son, David. It's hard to describe how much this meant to me.

I was proud of David, of course, and thankful that he has made the "spiritual connection". But on a more "selfish" note perhaps, I was relieved that apparently he could see enough of the faith in his parents to be attracted to it himself. The night before he joined, he and I visited about it.....I wanted him to understand that ministry is not just a "job" to me, and that it is Christian faith that makes me "go". His moving toward baptism helped me realize that we don't talk about these things much in our house. Mindy and I try to lead lives that will speak for themselves, but its also important for parents (all parents) to talk specifically about their faith from time to time.

Our little visit together was pretty awkward and disjointed, it's hard to speak of things which are of ultimate importance to you in glib, easy ways. But I take comfort in the fact (as should all parents) that glibness is not the primary character of an effective witness.

I'm determined to talk more with my kids about the things that really matter to me - faith, commitment, and justice. I encourage you to do the same.....with your children, your neighbors, anyone who will listen and understand, or who needs to listen and understand. Sure, it will sometimes be awkward. But if we're honest and sincere and try to live a life consistent with what we are struggling to say, the message will get across.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

SCENE FROM FIRST.....

After the Baptism service yesterday, Danny Mory suggested that perhaps a silent hair dryer might be a worthy church investment....On Saturday our CWF catered a luncheon for our neighbor church across the street as a fundraiser. It looked scrumptious!.... The report is unanimous. Water in Baptistry was warm....Excitement in Zimmerman household! Eric is engaged to Robin!....Among the business items on the Board Agenda last week, a vote was taken as to which were more delicious -- Judy's chocolate chip cookies, or her lemon drop cookies. It was a tie....Understand that CYF turned a lemon into lemonade Sunday. It seems that ice skates at the rink were all wrong sizes, and so the kids rented a movie, Rebel Without a Cause, and enjoyed an afternoon at the church.... What a pleasure to walk through the Sanctuary after 1st Service Sunday. It was so pleasant to smell -- "What is This Lovely Fragrance?"....On Parents Night Out Becky Glasgow, Pete Lytle, Judy Mey, Don Wiltfong, Dick Hamm were the winning team at Trivial Pursuit, which just proves again that pastors are masters of trivia....Beautiful story about how Becca Olson developed her solo a week ago. Ask her....and John Perry, watching the parking lot in order to help congregation handle the slippery spots as members arrive!

DINNERS OF 8 REPORT

Dwain & Kathy Graham held a Dinners of 8 with the following present: Dick & Mindy Hamm, Mabel Watson, Grace Truby, and Mel & Barb Busse.

THANK YOU

Reba Fusselman also helped to prepare for Jeanne Feltenberger's funeral dinner.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

9:15 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:00 P.M. Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

6:00 P.M. Bread For The World
7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

6:30 P.M. Active Parenting Class
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades K-5th

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS January 31-February 6

Jim Sands (1)
Bobbi Lindsay (1)
Murial Plitts (2)
Anita Fitch (2)
Eric Mory (2)
Judy Mey (2)
Patricia Erdly (3)
Helen Lobdell (4)
Wanda Ingmire (4)
Ruth Yentes (4)
Roger Gross (4)
Elizabeth Pattengale (5)
Ruth Ann Bozarth (5)
Emma Phillips (6)
Sue Knuckles (6)
Stan Horine (6)

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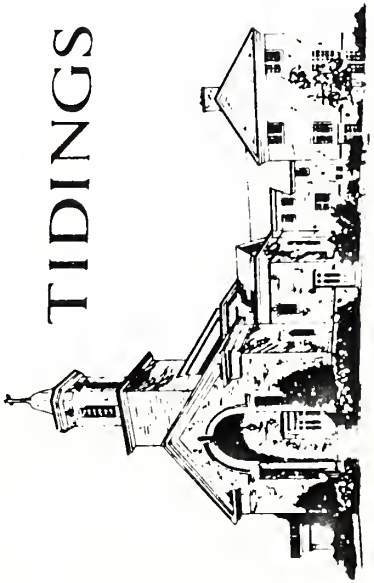

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PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION

We will have a Parent-Child Dedication in 10:45 a.m. worship, Sunday, February 1. Please call Dick Hamm if you are interested in dedicating your child or if you have questions about this brief service.

VISITOR INFORMATION MEETING (VIM)

Our next VIM is Sunday, February 8, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the parlor. Members are invited as well as visitors. This is an opportunity to meet some people and to get questions about the church answered. Call Pat Mullen (745-9154) to RSVP.

D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age)

We will reschedule the AMTRAK speaker, who was "snowed and frozen out" last week. In the meantime, our next meeting will be Friday, February 27, noon. We'll have lunch out and then go to the Allen County Courthouse for a tour.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE NEEDED

We need some volunteers to look in on some of our shut-ins on a regular basis. If you would like to bring some sunshine into the life of another and could make at least one weekly visit, please call Dick Hamm as soon as possible. This is a real way to serve in Christ's name.

PASTORS' CLASS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, AGAIN!

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BINGO PRIZES NEEDED

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THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

Dick Hamm's Sunday School Class will begin studying this book on Sunday, February 8, 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. If you wish a copy purchased for you, call Dick by this Saturday, January 31, noon, or you may buy your own copy at any good bookstore. It is available in paper back for about $10.00.

This Sunday, Dick's class will see a peace studies slide presentation. All are welcome!

PRAYER SERVICE SUNDAYS - 6:15 - 7:00 p.m.

Who was that blond sitting next to you in worship last Sunday? Soon you'll have an easy way to find out. We're going to play "tag" on February 15!

"DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL TENNIS SHOES"

This one day workshop is being offered by the Christian Church in Indiana (Region) at Southport on Saturday, February 7. The emphasis of the workshop is the discipline of daily prayer and Bible study. Richard Roland is the resource leader. This event is designed to result in a "Discovery Weekend" event in our own congregation.

If you are interested in attending, or wish more information, pleast contact Dick Hamm as soon as possible!

From Division of Overseas Ministries - "NEWS & NOTES"
(Leanne Skoogland works with the Ecumenical Movement for Human Rights (MEDH) in Argentina.)

One cannot fail to be impressed by the people's concept of the future. Plans for an education, a career, a business, or a family are very uncertain and unpromising when your country's economic future is dark. Currently a large percentage of Argentina's GNP is delegated to interest payments on a $48 billion foreign debt that everyone knows can never be paid off. There is little money left in the national budget to pay for health care, communications services, and the mass transportation systems. Electronic goods along with many other "luxury" imports are costly if available at all, restricted in an attempt to keep capital in the country and to allow domestic industry to grow protected from competition. Never-the-less, industry overall is shrinking, aggravating unemployment and placing a downward pressure on salaries while inflation continues at a rate of more than 30 percent annually. The exasperating daily inconveniences and the pessimistic outlook for the future are conditions imposed on the Argentines by the economic situation of their country.

As the Argentine government acquiesces to the demands of the inter-national Monetary Fund, unemployment rises, production decreases, real salaries fall, and prices of necessity items rise despite price controls. And yet world financial institutions tout Argentina as an exemplary debtor. In graduate school I studied the Latin American foreign debt from economic and political perspectives, but living here I've discovered there is another angle to the problem. The foreign debt is also a moral issue. It is much more complicated than simply making countries "pay us what they owe us".

I think it is sadly ironic that while my experience here inspires in me all kinds of ideas and excitement for my career possibilities later, my work companions become more and more pessimistic and frustrated by their situations. My personal relationship with them makes me deeply concerned by the debt situation and I want people at home to be aware of why. The foreign debt is not just a problem for governments and banks. It involves requiring human beings to mortgage their own future.

100% CHANCE OF RAIN!

Now the Lord was unhappy with the people of the earth,
They were not what they ought to be and now what they're worth,
They were bad, and ugly, and mean as they could be,
and the Lord had to clean things up as you will see!

in a jazz musical for children, age K-5th!

Creative Arts in Worship -

Wednesday evenings, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

And the lesson is.....

100% Chance of Love!

Please bring the children to us!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

It happened again last week. Someone went into the hospital, was told their church would be notified, but we weren't. Thus an opportunity for ministry was missed. Please notify the church office before you go into the hospital so that we can be present for you. Do not leave it to the hospital to notify us. Sometimes we are not notified by the hospital at all, sometimes its two or three days after admission before we hear. We want to be there. It's not that the hospitals don't try to get the word out, it's just that communicating with the churches is not their primary mission - in fact, it's pretty far down the list of their priorities. They, too, assume that you will notify your pastor yourself if you want him or her to be there.....not an unreasonable assumption.

Janet Weicker did a lovely job of sharing her faith Sunday. She is a real "pillar" of the church. I'd like to have another two or three hundred just like her! As she shared with us from her personal life, I thought of how many interesting and moving stories are represented in this congregation.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. My sermon this Sunday is based on Galatians 6:2 and is titled "When You Don't Know What To Say".

SCENE FROM FIRST.....

Overheard at choir practice: "And what do you think is the importance of the story of Zaccheus?" Answer: "It means that there is hope for little people"....Overheard on the Chancel during Sermonette from the 5 year old son of the lovely lady doing the Sermonette: "My mother always does crazy things!".....Overheard at Creative Arts: "You know how the Angels sang when Jesus was born? I expect they also sang when you were born because they were so happy." "I never heard them." "Well, you were busy adjusting to this big old world. I'll bet your mother heard them." "What about my daddy?" "He was too nervous".....Did you know that Margo Parlette is teaching now at the University of Arizona, Tucson? Congratulations!.....The Humanitarian Award of the Week goes to Larry Strickland who, without warning (or psychological preparation) ended up in charge of the Nursery for two hours Sunday morning!.....We are grieving because we are sending two enthusiastic and strong leaders to Columbus, Ohio, and we will miss them -- Terri & Ted Pfenning.....Jim, Becky, & Jeremy Stucky are now a part of First Christian Church in Huntsville, Alabama, where Becky is singing in the choir.....Greetings have come from Gwynth Rice who is spending the winter with her family in Mt. Vernon, IN.....If Marilyn Byers will come to the choir room next Sunday, the choir will be pleased to sing Happy Birthday especially for her! They are sorry they missed it Sunday.....Question: What is a bee hive? Answer: A bee hive is Fellowship Hall on Saturday when the support group for parents of multiple births meet -- 5 couples, and 19 little children!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 1-25-87

Chris & Dee Vosmeier, 1115 W. Wayne, #4; Diana L. Parker, 525 W. Branning Avenue.

SERVING FEBRUARY 1

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Laura York and Merle Grimm

10:45 A.M. Liz Johnson and Mike Callahan

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer-SW, M. Snouffer-NW, M. Hutchinson, B. Grimm

10:45 A.M. R. Stover-SW, L. Stover-NW, M. Busse-SE, K. Taylor-NE, D. Knudsen, C. Miller, B. Wiltfong, D. Graham

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, E. Kreischer

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, B. Haines, T. Davis

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Sarah Smith

10:45 A.M. Barb & John Clevenger

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Shirley Callahan & Sam Hayes

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4:00 P.M. Chi Rho
5:30 P.M. CYF
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

6:30 P.M. Active Parenting Class
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades K-5th

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS February 7-13

Elinor Place (7)
Larry Brey (7)
Nancy Smith (8)
Betty Harter (9)
Steve White (9)
Sharon Knuckles (9)
Ken Place (10)
Marvin Crouse (11)
Bill DeVinney (12)
Chris McDougle (12)
Jeanetta Lahmeyer (12)
Virgil Buchanan (13)
Kevin Tobias (13)

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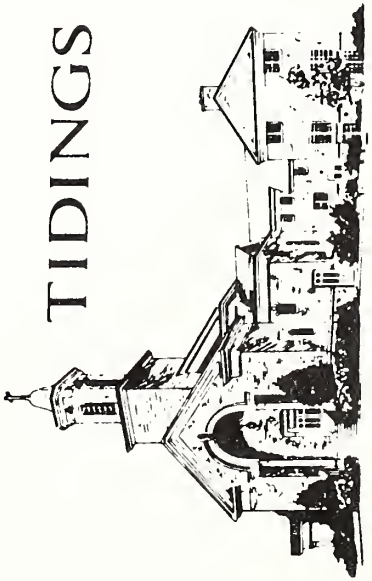

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SINGLES!

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PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION

Chad Alan Long, son of Constance Marie Long & Burton Robert Long, and Christa Marie Sablic, daughter of James & Patricia Sablic, were dedicated on February 1, 1987.

We pray God's blessings on these children and parents!

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

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FLOWERS EACH SUNDAY

We are in need for people to sign up for February and March. It is a lovely way to add to the service while honoring family members or special occasions. After the services the flowers will be yours. The flower chart is in the sanctuary for you to sign up! The cost is $15.00. As this is not in the Worship Committee budget, we hope through all of you it will be selfsustaining. Thanks!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lutheran Hospital needs persons to serve as "Red Coats" to do a multitude of tasks around the hospital. If you are interested in this opportunity, contact Erma Vanderwall at 484-7878 or Gini Brown at 447-5764.

PASTOR'S CLASS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, AGAIN

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PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE

7:15 - 8:00 p.m. this Sunday, February 8.

Beginning February 15, you won't have to badger people for their name anymore, cause they'll be wearing it!

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the lovely Poinsettia I received at Christmas. I have had lots of pleasure from it.

Ruby Johns

DINNERS OF 8 REPORT

A Dinners of 8 group met at the home of Dick & Judy Mey's. Those present were: Fred & Rychie Smell, Carolyn & Gary Falbe, and Larry & Sue Brey. A good time was had by all!

ADDRESS CHANGE

Ted & Terri Pfenning's new address is: 3773 McGrath Drive, Columbus, OH 43220.

WEEK OF COMPASSION

February 15-22

In more than 70 countries around the world, your One Great Hour of Sharing offerings are instruments of healing and hope.

On the island of La Gonave, off the coast of Haiti, villagers are reclaiming eroded mountainsides by building terraces and planting fast-growing trees to hold the soil for cultivation. Tools, tree seedlings and food-for-wages from Church World Service supplement the hard work of the people.

Mother/child nutrition centers, such as this one in the Dominican Republic, teach women how to prepare healthful meals using locally available foods. Such education offers the hope that people, working together, will break the vicious cycle of severe malnutrition among the most vulnerable.

Buffalo banks are a creative way for farmers in Thailand to build draft animal teams to plow their rice paddies. This animal husbandry project enables farmers to escape crippling dependence on expensive, outside services. Parent stock are provided on "loan" to the farmers. Offspring are "paid back" to the bank to be shared with others.

A unique mud stove, the "banco" ("clay") stove, is the "appropriate technology" that promises to preserve whole forest in Africa. "The stove that saves trees" is cheap, locally built and fuel–efficient. Its unique design allows the use of much less wood than traditional stoves or open fires. It's another way to cherish the earth.

Giving makes a difference, thanks to One Great Hour of Sharing.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I am deeply appreciative of the response we've had to the Sunshine Committee idea! Within a week, I had enough names to do the job easily. That's great. It points out that this congregation wants to serve people for Christ's sake, and that's "what it's all about"!

I have a deep feeling that 1987 is going to be the beginning of a new era for First Christian. We have all worked hard to put a program in place and to make our church attractive and vital, and that work is now coming back to us. New people are visiting and moving toward membership. There's a great feeling of hopefulness and joy among our people. These spell GROWTH!

Personally, I will have been with you for five years as of April 1(hard to believe). In many ways my ministry here is just beginning. Statistically, it takes about six years before a new pastor has a truly personal and pastoral contact with all the members (through weddings, funerals, hospitals, etc.). It feels good to be near the point where I know every person in the directory as a pastor (at least all who wish to be so known).

I'm also delighted with the rest of the staff, as I know you are, too. We have a real working team here!

Well, I hope you feel those things, too. If you do, make those feelings known to others.....to fellow members, to visitors, to persons you know who have no church home. As they say in baseball, "let's here a little chatter out there!"

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

SCENE FROM FIRST.....

It was good to welcome a refreshed Don Wiltfong back to work after a few days R and R. It was also good to welcome again -- and hear -- Pat Rotundo, formerly Pat Fountain, as our soprano soloist on Sunday.....Our Food Bank fed 30 people last week -- an unusually high number.....A visitor Sunday was heard remarking, "I don't know, but First Christian is becoming a habit!" -- and a wonderful habit, it is!.....John Perry got an unexpected Thursday night off! The choirs took an evenings "leave of absence" because of the snow and ice. Mostly ice, with rain on top. The senior choir made up part of its time Sunday morning -- and produced the beautiful anthem Behold the Lamb.....Diane's office suddenly grew by yards when it got re-arranged last week.....There were 18 kids for 100% Chance of Rain last week! How sweet it is! -- and how neat to have Kirk Spencer as choir father!.....Medal for Valor goes to Sara Mullen who's voice was reduced to a squeak from laryngitis but who nevertheless taught the CYF a song from the earphones of a Walkman!.....Word from Eileen Klepfer - she had to leave the golf course in Florida in 70 degree weather because of rain! But she and Gene and Mildred Tharp promise to be home in time for Dry Bones.

YOUTH NEWS.....

CYF will meet at the church Sunday at 12:30 p.m. for lunch out and ice skating.

Chi Rho will meet at the church at 5:30 p.m.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 2-1-87 - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Peterson, 4719 Ridgelane Dr.; Mr. & Mrs. Dan Davis, 3321 Hoagland Ave.; Donna Woodward, 3202 Thompson Ave.; Jerry Garver, 210 W. Tillman; Lawrence F. Sablic, 3206 Fairway Dr.; Larry & Teresa Ellis, 4315 Dicke Road; Joan Ellis, 1321 Timbercrest Trail; Drew, Becky, & Melissa Stephens, 549 Candlelite Court; Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Summary, 1033 E. Lawn.

SERVING FEBRUARY 8

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Don Parlette and Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Pat Mullen and Sam Hayes

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Novachcoff-SW, J. Kelly-NW, M. Snouffer, E. Conrad

10:45 A.M. J. Lindsay-SW, B. Lindsay-NW, C. Falbe-SE, R. Krull-NE, L. Lewis, S. Zimmerman, J. McGrew, M. Mullen

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10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, M. Westerfield, D. Kreischer

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Donna Byers

10:45 A.M. Mindy Hamm

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

S. Hayes - D. Mey
L. Johnson - R. Stover
D. Keebortz - S. Smith
C. Olson - S. Callahan

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5:30 P.M. Chi Rho
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:00 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

12:45 P.M. Rachel Group
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6:30 P.M. Active Parenting Class
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades K-5th

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS February 14-20

Merle Grimm (14)
Tony Evans (14)
Arlynn Call (14)
Gene Bozarth (14)
Scott Creager (14)
Robert Neal (14)
Bill Howard (15)
Julie Stucky (16)
Martha Hunt (16)
Edythe Metcalf (16)
Karen Doehrman (16)
Don Crouse (19)
Romane Cole (20)
Florence Huddleston (20)
Heather Chapin (20)

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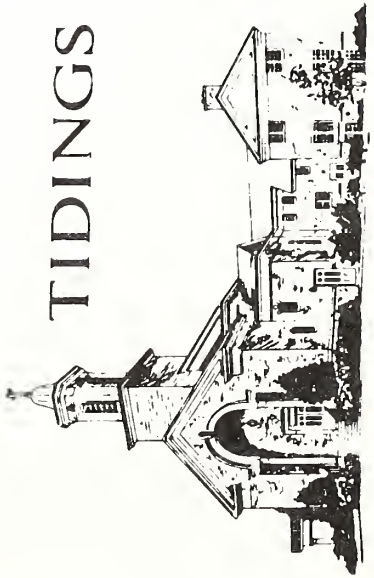

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PARENT'S NIGHT OUT - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 6:30 P.M.

We will meet at Falbe's, 9806 Roe Drive, for dinner and a movie. Please RSVP with Carolyn Falbe, 432-6235, and she will suggest what you may bring for the Dinner. We will see a movie entitled "The God's Must Be Crazy", which is a fascinating and funny feature length film from Africa!

All parents welcome.

It's fun, it's cheap.

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

You are still welcome to join this Sunday School Class in the parlor, even though we're already "on the road"! Purchase a copy of the book by M. Scott Peck and come join us.

PASTOR'S CLASS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, AGAIN

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SINGLES!

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FLOWERS EACH SUNDAY

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NEED A SPRING TONIC? TRY DINNERS OF 8

Got the winter grumpies? Try Dinners of 8 in March and April as a sure cure.

Singles, couples, former joiners, new joiners are welcome. Sign up at church next Sunday or call the office or Mildred Hutchinson at 745-1944.

A complete list will be sent for you to check preference for hosting and make up of dinner groups.

CWF BLANKET DRIVE

Blankets are one of the most valuable and versatile resources Church World Service provides in time of disaster. They can be used as tents, partitions or totes. Each February, our Christian Women's Fellowship has sponsored this drive in our church. A $5.00 donation covers the cost of one blanket, when purchased in bulk lots. Designated gifts of money may be sent to the church office or placed in the Sunday morning offering this month. Good, clean, used blankets may be put in the "Blanket Box" in front of the large information Board in Fellowship Hall.

NAME TAGS ARE COMING! NAME TAGS ARE COMING! THIS SUNDAY!

HOMEBOUND MEALS, INC.

Plans are underway to open a new route (#13) from Summit Nursing Home on Bowser near Pontiac. To do this we need 12 new drivers to drive either from that facility or to replace drivers from Lutheran Hospital who are making a change. We can use you - on your schedule - either 1 day weekly or 1 or 2 days monthly. When you need to be off, we will fill your place. For information phone 484-3086 - Donna Byers, or 422-3296 - HBM office.

WOMEN

Don't forget the Retreat at Camp Barbee, March 13-15th!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS

Remember the teacher's meeting that was snowed out in November? We're going to try again! Meet at the church at 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 16. Babysitting will be provided, and we will be done by 8:30. We will look at "The Roles of the Christian Teacher".

UPCOMING ADULT CLASS: LUKE AND ACTS

Did you know that these two New Testament books are volumes one and two of the same work? They are, and the story they tell is one story. Don Wiltfong will lead a five week class which will look at the central message of these two elegantly written books beginning March 18. The class will meet from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. each evening, and baby-sitting will be provided. Books are available now, at a cost of $10.00 (couples can share!).

SYMPATHY

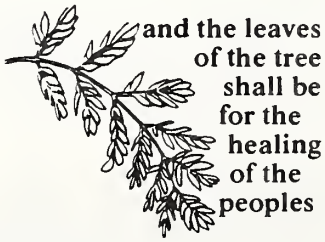
Our prayers go up for the family of Vada Tatman who died Sunday. Rev. Wiltfong had services for her.

SCENE FROM FIRST.....

Actually, as seen from First, it looks like an exodus! The Bob Orrs have left for Hawaii, the Jack Lindsays will be leaving shortly for Bermuda, Joe and Phyllis Fitch won't be home until early March, and the Mildred's will soon be visiting Miriam & Peggy in Florida. We understand they won't be seeing much of Miriam, however, because she's working 35-40 hours a week at H.&R. Block...Rolland and Genevieve Ripple are back from California with good news of their daughter's recovery from surgery...The beautiful flowers on the candleabra in the sanctuary Sunday were from the wedding of Chuck McGrew's dauther Niki...The choir especially enjoyed them...Did you know that Ann Pittenger, Jewel Byrket, Dorothy Schmidt, and Mary Wilhelm volunteer whole mornings and afternoons every week helping with the office work? One of the warmest scenes from First is the generosity of time from many loving people which helps so much the ongoing outreaching work of the church.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 2-8-87

Owen & Leslie Wade, 4530 Bridgetown Run; Marvin Deerhake, Bicknell, ILL; Bernadine & Larry Brey, Janesville, WI; John Crouse, Columbus, IN; Judy & Stu Mathis, Lafayette, IN; Scott Atkison, Albany, OR.



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Compassion
February 15-22

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I read the following list of information last year:

> "The sale of war toys has risen by 350% since 1982 to a record of $842 million. The best sellers are Masters of the Universe, Transformers, Gobots, Voltron, and G.I. Joe. They are promoted by story length cartoons which are program length commercials. The average child will see 800 ads promoting violent toys!

What does this kind of statistic say about our culture? What kind of values and human relationships are we teaching? How is it that right at the moment in history when we absolutely must learn to live together peacefully (or die), we are seeing such an increase in such "entertainment" and "play"?

I am convinced that peacemaking is not something that can be left to national, policymakers. Peacemaking is an approach to life that begins within oneself and one's family. As the song suggests, peace on earth begins with me.

I commend to you a Lenten study series being offered by The Peace Education Commission of the Associated Churches, on February 24, March 10 & 24, as follows:

CREATIVE SOLUTIONS TO CONFLICT

* INNER CONFLICT — February 24, 1987
  What to do when your everyday priorities and Christian values conflict--panelists: Roger Ball, foster parent; Beth Murphy Beams, health coordinator; and Barbara Bugg, human resources consultant.
* FAMILY CONFLICT — March 10, 1987
  What to do when family members disagree--Speakers: Janet Mitchell, J.D., and Rev. James Albright, M. Div., mediators.
* CONGREGATIONAL CONFLICT — March 24, 1987
  What to do when congregations are in conflict--Speaker: Dennis Koehn, M. Div., church mediator.

Each session will be held at Crescent Avenue United Methodist Church, 1232 Crescent Avenue, Fort Wayne, on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at a cost of $2.00 a session in advance, or $3.00 a session at the door, or $5.00 in advance for all three sessions. Please register by February 16. For more information call 422-3528.

I think this will be very much worth our time. All ages can benefit.

I'm looking forward to seeing you Sunday! My sermon is "On Choosing" (Deut. 30:15-20).

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

I once read a book titled Evangelism or Social Action? I hope that is not a choice I have to make! Through both its individual members and through its work as a congregation a church needs to be about doing both! And certainly the Disciples have a heritage that claims both.

In the 1850's Kansas was moving toward statehood. The hot issue was whether it would enter the union as a free state or a slave state. Pardee Butler, a Disciple evangelist, was seeking support from the American Christian Missionary Society, a Disciple agency, when he wrote, "I would not make this 'Reformation of the nineteenth century' a withered and blasted trunk...because it took part with the rich and powerful against the poor and oppressed." Butler was tarred and feathered, and once was set adrift on the Missouri River on a flimsy raft by some Kansas citizens because of his stance against slavery in Kansas.

But Butler's primary work was that of an evangelist in the early Disciple mode. He went about preaching and helping form congregations in the newly settled territory. His evangelistic fervor was not cooled by his commitment to justice, nor was his concern for the oppressed flattened by his concern for people's relationship to God. He saw no split between these two concerns. Indeed, he saw both concerns as a part of the one gospel of Jesus Christ. Pardee Butler shines out of Disciple history as an example of a well balanced Christian. (Read James 2:14-17).

Don

SERVING FEBRUARY 15

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Wayne Johnson and Bill Franklin

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Smith-SW, B. Grimm-NW, E. Conrad, D. Strickland

10:45 A.M. M. Hamm-SW, G. Lantz-NW, D. Mey-SE, J. Mey-NE, S. Callahan, K. Ohneck, J. Ohneck

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, J. Proegler

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, H. Nordblom, J. Byers

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Judy & Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Becca & Chip Olson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

D. Graham & J. Kelly

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOSTS

Mark & Pauline Snyder

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Byers

ACOLYTES

Jason Krull & Adam Hayes

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Lori Lewis & Deb Rinker

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Diane Mory

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

630 - Mr. Willis Wuthrich

ST. JOSEPH:

233 - Mrs. Ellen Kreischer

CHURCH CALENDAR

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8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:00 P.M. Chi Rho
5:30 P.M. CYF
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:00 P.M. Sarah Group
7:00 P.M. Sunday School & Extended Session Teachers Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades K-5th
6:30 P.M. Active Parenting Class

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

6:30 P.M. Parent's Night Out at Falbe's, 9806 Roe Drive

BIRTHDAYS February 21-27

Margaret Jenkins (21)
Steve Hall (22)
Walter Bowen (22)
Judith Brickley (23)
Barb Mettler (23)
Susan Rousseau (23)
Dan Church (25)
Eunice Conrad (25)
Cathy Katt (26)
Homer Stevenson (26)
Bill Chappell (26)
Bette Jones (27)

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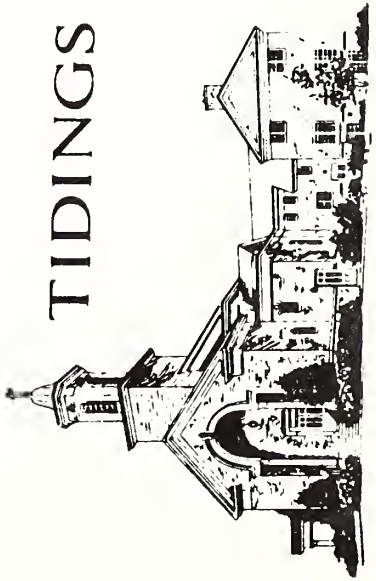

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PARENT'S NIGHT OUT - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 6:30 P.M.

We will meet at Falbe's, 9806 Roe Drive, for dinner and a movie. Please RSVP with Carolyn Falbe, 432-6235, and she will suggest what you may bring for the dinner. We will see a movie entitled "The God's Must Be Crazy", which is a fascinating and funny feature length film from Africa.

C.W.F. BLANKET DRIVE

Blankets are one of the most valuable and versatile resources Church World Service provides in time of disaster. They can be used as tents, partitions or totes. Each February, our Christian Women's Fellowship has sponsored this drive in our church. A $5.00 donation covers the cost of one blanket, when purchased in bulk lots. Designated gifts or money may be sent to the church office or placed in the Sunday morning offering, this month. Good, clean, used blankets may be put in the "Blanket Box" in front of the large information board in fellowship hall.

NEED A SPRING TONIC? TRY DINNERS OF 8

Got the winter grumpies? Try Dinners of 8 in March and April as a sure cure.

Singles, couples, former joiners, new joiners are welcome! Sign up at church next Sunday or call the office or Mildred Hutchinson (745-1944).

A completed list will be sent for you to check preference for hosting and make up of dinner groups.

FLOWERS EACH SUNDAY

We are in need for people to sign up for flowers. It is a lovely way to add to the service while honoring family members or special occasions. After the services the flowers will be yours. The flower chart is in the narthex for you to sign up. The cost is $15.00. As this is not in the Worship Committee budget, we hope through all of you it will be self-sustaining. Thank you!

NEW BOOKS AVAILABLE

Among new titles in the church library are two books, "The Road Less Traveled" and "Harper's Bible Dictionary", an excellent reference book given by the Naomi Group in memory of Emma Schell and Hortense Stevenson. Karla Dyer, our summer intern, contributed a Richard Foster book, "Money, Sex and Power". Other worthwhile titles include "The Five Divorces of a Healthy Marriage", "Distant Fire", "Making it As A Step-parent" and "Getting Things Done", a handbook for church leadership.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Tom and Jane Walsh came transferring their membership from First Christian Church of Norman, Oklahoma. Their children are Mike (7th grade) and Kelly (5th grade). They live at 4611 Beaver Avenue 46807, phone 744-3795. Welcome!

D.M.A. - "Don't Mention Age" - All Welcome

Our D.M.A. fellowship will be meeting at the church on Friday, February 27, at noon to go out to lunch and then on to the County Courthouse for a tour of this beautiful historic structure.

All are welcome!

YOU'RE INVITED

Mary Alice Mullins and Philip David New have chosen the first day of their new life together as Saturday, the twenty-eighth of February, Nineteen hundred and eighty seven. You are invited to share in their joy as they exchange marriage vows at six-thirty in the evening at First Christian Church.

SYMPATHY

Our prayers are with Ruth Stone, whose brother died last week after a long illness.

"A PEASANT OF EL SALVADOR"

This drama relates the experiences of the people of Central America during this time of upheaval and turmoil. It has received high praise as it has appeared coast to coast. It will be in Ft. Wayne on Saturday, February 28, 8:00 p.m., at Northrup High School. Tickets are $4.00 and available from Dick Hamm.

THANK YOU

We want to thank everyone at First Christian Church for their prayers while our mother, Vada Tatman, was in the hospital. We also, especially want to thank Dick and Don for their visits to the hospital, and for being there with us. It meant so much.

Virginia Reimer and Lee Coffee

Thank you for the cooperation and enthusiasm shown for NAME TAG SUNDAY. This was a new experience for First Christian Church and new experiences always raise questions, such as: Where is my name tag? Where do I put it on my clothing? What do I do with it when I am ready to leave?

There are three different locations for the name tags. The display stand in the narthex, the board outside fellowship hall at the bottom of the south stairway, and the board on the wall outside the parlor. If you want to change the location of your nametag, feel free to do so. Leave it where you want to find it next week. We want to encourage you to wear it to coffee hour in fellowship hall. There will be two trays to collect your name tag if you do not want to return it yourself. The trays will be marked for the upstairs locations.

The swivel clip is designed to be used on almost any style of clothing. Women may have to use some ingenuity some mornings, but this style was recommended as being the most problem free.

In March we will be ordering new nametags including corrections and additions. We hope all the "wrinkles" disappear in the near future. It will take time, practice, and patience. Whether you learn a lot of new names to go with faces or not, remember that we are doing this so that visitors and new members will feel at home and more welcomed to First Christian Church.

Many thanks go to Dick Mey who so willingly gave of his time and extraordinary talent to construct the three displays for the nametags. The whole project would have been forever "on hold" if he had not given of himself so generously. We cannot thank you enough, Dick.

The Nametag Committee

PRAYER SEMINAR

Wednesday, February 25, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. All welcome. Come and discover your spiritual power.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

6:00 P.M. - Bread for the World

7:00 P.M. - Committee Meetings (Outreach & Service will not meet on Tuesday, but instead will meet on Monday, February 23, 7:00 p.m.).

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 2-15-87

Mrs. Donna Woodward, 3202 Thompson; Miss Jenny Rieke, 6636 Quail Ridge Lane 46804.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I was most pleased with the response to the name tags Sunday. Everyone wore them cheerfully, and they are a big help to our fellowship. Thanks to Dick Mey and Judy Church for carrying the ball on this project! Dave Alexander, Kris Ohneck, and Pat Mullen also assisted.

I am also very pleased that so many readily volunteered to serve on our Sunshine Committee. The following are actively serving and a few more are on stand-by: Lenelle Ross, Delores Keebortz, Vince & Connie Wells, Judy Church, Bobbi Lindsay, Don Parlette, Edna Nordblom, Judy Mey, Fred & Rychie Smell, Donna Byers, Deb Strickland, Neva Mennewisch, Mimi Westerfield, and Evelyn Yeoman.

This Sunday I'll be addressing the issue of "Foundations", I Cor. 3:10-11. Hope you have an excellent week!

See you Sunday,

Love,

Dick

P.S. Yes, there are crocuses coming up in our back yard!

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

A shopping mall is a world unto itself. Once you walk in the doors of a mall it is like nothing else exists in the universe beyond the bright merchandise-packed display windows. I have a fairly good sense of direction, but I have to work hard to keep my self oriented in a mall, even one with which I am somewhat familiar. Jerry Mander, an ex-advertising executive quoted in the Christian Science Monitor recently, said "(a shopping mall) moves all of life into commercial reality." A mall is an exercise in pragmatic parochialism, a little consumeristic world created for us to wander around in concerning ourselves with nothing except spending our money.

But the mall is not unique among the singleminded worlds we sometimes enter. Any parent has had the experience of spending a day (or several days) exiled in the kingdom of children. After spending hours on Sesame Street, the sound of a human being who can say words longer than one syllable is like rain falling on drought-parched farmland.

Some of the mental worlds we wander into are of our own making. Sometimes a problem or situation (even if it is positive) can so preoccupy us that it comes to be the only part of the world we can see, taking on gigantic proportions far beyond its true significance. We take a walk, or drive to the store, or visit with a friend, and suddenly realize how our perspective has misled us.

Or we become so doctrinaire that our world becomes absolute, unbreakable. I ran across an individual recently who was critical of a large ecumenical institution. It didn't take long to realize that he was not interested in finding accurate information. He was interested in confirming his viewpoint. "It doesn't matter what I find out," he said in an honest and telling statement; "I'm not going to change my mind."

The Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Rome: "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2)

We need to keep our antennae up! The reality beyond our noses is the reality which God has created, and it is a sure bet that non of us has a completely accurate view from our particular armchair.

Don

SERVING FEBRUARY 22

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bill Johnson and Bud Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Jack & Janet Weicker

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Snouffer-SW, E. Snouffer-NW, L. Strickland, S. Smith

10:45 A.M. C. Miller-SW, J. Wagoner-NW, K. Taylor-SE, M. Busse-NE, L. Stover, R. Stover, D. Graham, S. Zimmerman

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, C. Byrket

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, B. Haines, E. Kreischer

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Marge & Art Thomas

10:45 A.M. Ethel Allen

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

M. Callahan - J. Kelly
B. Johnson - M. Mullen
W. Johnson - K. Tobias
Jt. Weicker - D. Miller

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Tobias

ACOLYTES

Alisha Stover & Tracy Critell

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Beth Wiltfong & Carolyn Fable

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Bob Orr

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LUTHERAN:

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10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:00 P.M. Chi Rho
5:30 P.M. CYF
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:00 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:00 P.M. Outreach & Service Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

6:00 P.M. Bread For The World
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6:30 P.M. Prayer Seminar

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

12:00 NOON D.M.A. - lunch out and tour Courthouse

BIRTHDAYS February 28 - March 6

Liz Johnson (28)
Tim Briggs (28)
Bill Lehman (28)
Barb Busse (1)
Carl Linn (1)
Jerry Zimmerman (1)
Buefond Tharp (1)
Lee Baugher (2)
Frank Moody (2)
Myrtle Hendrick (3)
Jim Davis (4)
Bill Johnson II (5)
Benjamin McCarel (5)
Richard Hamilton (6)

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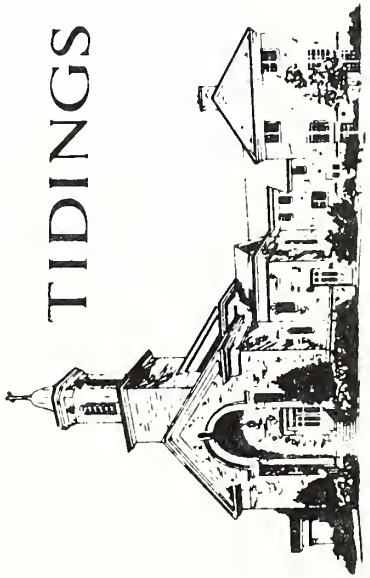

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jim and Karen Bushey transferred their membership Sunday. They live with their two children (Jeffrey and Jamie) at 10218 Winchester Road 46819, phone - 456-1247. While we were at it, we dedicated Jeffrey!

Ken & Bobbi Macy came transferring their membership, too. Ken comes from Madison, First Christian, and Bobbi from St. Joseph's Catholic in Paulding, Ohio. They live at 2723½ Broadway 46807, phone - 745-8768.

Welcome to you all!

D.M.A. - "Don't Mention Age" - All Welcome

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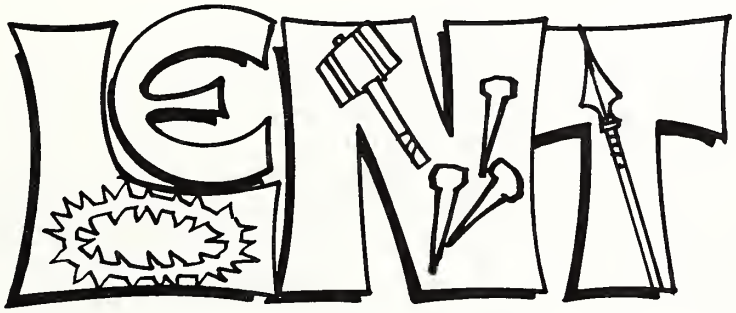

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, March 4, 7:30 p.m., we will begin the observance of Lent with this special, brief, dramatic service.

Lent is a time of repentance as we move toward Easter. This service is designated to help us focus on this theme. All are welcome.

ALL CHURCH BIRTHDAY DINNER - 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 11

Bring a salad or vegetables. Meat, drinks, and beautiful birthday cake provided.

SPECIAL PROGRAM! 7:30 p.m. in Sanctuary, FESTIVAL CHOIR. All Welcome. Bring a guest!

MEN'S RALLY - March 12 - North Christian, Fort Wayne

Our men are invited to this Rally, 6:30 p.m. for dinner. Delores Turner, Regional Staff, will speak. "Christ Calls Us To Follow - Become Servants" is the theme for this evening of fellowship and inspiration. Dinner is $4.00. Contact the office or Dick.

SECRET PLACE AVAILABLE

The new quarter is in! Get your copy of this excellent devotional booklet now, at church.

PEASANT OF EL SALVADOR - 8:00 p.m., this Saturday.

Tickets are still available for $4.00 from Dick Hamm.

HELP NEEDED

One of our members who lives on the near-north side is wheelchair bound and requires 24 hour/day care. Her son stays with her, since there is no money for outside assistance. If someone in our congregation could stay with this woman (no medical skills needed) for an hour or two each week, it would give the son a chance to "get away" for a walk in the park or a drive in the country.

If you could help in this way, weekly or even monthly, give me a call this week, please. Thanks! Dick (744-3239)

TAPE'S AVAILABLE - Tapes of Sunday morning services are available for $1.50 per tape (two Sundays on each tape). Order by calling the church office or handing a note to Dick on Sunday morning.

GOSPEL SEEKERS' PARTY

The Gospel Seekers class will have a party on Friday, March 6, 6:30 p.m. at the Krull's, 3466 S. Washington Road. All are welcome. Call Rosemary at 432-6181 to RSVP.

NAOMI GROUP

The Naomi Group will meet at 10:00 a.m., March 5 in the Church Parlor. A short business meeting will be held, followed by the program in the Chapel, where Mary Wilhelm will show slides.

There will be a short lunch break, then the remainder of the slides will be shown.

Guests are invited.

Bring your sandwich (dessert and drink will be furnished), and join us for a tour of the Holy Land.

DAYBREAK NEEDS

Socks 6-8
Winter Pants 5, 6, 7
Pacifiers

Ready to feed baby formula...Similac or Infamil
Baby fruit juices
Tempra Paints

Give to Mimi Westerfield.

"Faithful to God's Claim"
General Assembly
October 16-21, 1987
Louisville, Kentucky

FIRST CALL!

The Louisville General Assembly is when the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will explore the ways in which it can be "Faithful to God's Claim." New commitments to God's call will grow out of the assembly to be held October 16-21, in Louisville, KY. Registration forms can be obtained by calling the office (744-3239).

CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED

Gene Lantz, one of our own, will be directing a camp this summer for junior highs, on June 21-27, at Barbee. He needs volunteer counselors. If you would like a week away in the "camp" atmosphere, this is for you! Other weeks are available also. Call Gene or Dick or Don, as soon as possible to volunteer or for more information.

UPCOMING ADULT CLASS: LUKE AND ACTS

Did you know that these two New Testament books are volumes one and two of the same work? They are, and the story they tell is one story. Don Wiltfong will lead a five week class which will look at the central message of these two elegantly written books beginning Wednesday, March 18. The class will meet from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. each Wednesday evening, and babysitting will be provided. Books are available now, at a cost of $10.00 (couples can share!).

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Our children (and we, as adults) learn values in a number of ways. Values are learned by word and deed. That is, values are learned both by what we say, and by what we do. Sometimes actions speak louder than words. This has always given me pause as a parent!

In regard to Christian values, what are we who are parents teaching our children? We cannot assume they are learning Christian values by "asmosis", or that they will just naturally "come by them". We must teach our kids by word and deed, or someone else will teach them a different set of values we may or may not like.

Our Sunday School and other programs certainly teach our children Christian values. That's a big help to parents on the "word" part. However, teaching in "deed" has to be done by the parents themselves. To me this means, in part, taking rather than sending the kids to Sunday School and worship.

This is an urgent matter.....because our children are learning and growing up every day!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday's sermon will be on "Prayer", one of the most powerful, yet most neglected of the spiritual disciplines in this age.

SCENE FROM FIRST

Have you noticed the extraordinary racks for name tags made by Dick Mey? The Diaconate has secretly decided that any member of the congregation who doesn't wear a name tag will be seated on the first three rows!....The Board was shown pictures made of an elevator like the one proposed for our church. The committee explained all about it, and said that it would hold 500 pounds---to which the response was by an un-named comedian, "Ok? And which one of you got on?"....It is such fun to see 18-19 children deeply involved in 100% Chance of Rain. Last week they were flowers and shrubs. This week they will be traits of character! Did you know that the group has a choir father?....It is a happiness to have Jane and Tom Walsh and their children, Kelly and Mike; Jim and Karen Bushey, Jeffrey and Jamie, and Ken and Bobbi Macy, a part of our church family.

CREATIVE ARTS IN WORSHIP will not meet March 4 because of the Ash Wednesday Service or March 11 because of the All-Church Birthday Dinner and Festival Choir concert afterwards. 100% Chance of Rain will resume on March 18.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 2-22-87

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Weave & family, 234 N. Seminole Circle; Laurie Bushey, 411 W. Lenox; Mr. & Mrs. Al Bushey & Marc, 10021 Muldoon Road; Mrs. Eugene Scherrer, 14302 Connors Road; Howard & Georgia Roller, Logansport, IN.

SPECIAL WORKSHOP FOR MEN

On April 24 and 25, Dr. George Shute will lead an exciting workshop for men at the Brown County Inn in Nashville. The $60.00 event includes lodging (double room) and Saturday lunch. Pre-registration is required since participants will be asked to complete an inventory of their attitudes on being a male today. They will also be asked to maintain a journal for two weeks prior to the workshop.

This is one significant event unlike any other sponsored by the Commission on Church Men. To register for the "Am I really A Man Now, Daddy" workshop, see your pastor or write Morris Finch, Christian Church in Indiana, 1100 W. 42nd Street, Room 150, Indianapolis, IN 46208. (Please include the $60.00 registration fee).

SERVING MARCH 1

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Crouse and Merle Grimm

10:45 A.M. Chip Olson and Eileen Klepfer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

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10:45 A.M. S. Callahan-SW, R. Krull-NW, C. Falbe-SE, B. Lindsay-NE, J. Lindsay, K. Tobias, J. McGrew, M. Mullen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith

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GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Margaret Snouffer

10:45 A.M. Mary & Terry King

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6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, MARCH 2

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

7:30 P.M. Ash Wednesday Service

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

10:00 A.M. Naomi Group at the church
5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

6:30 P.M. Gospel Seeker's Class Party at Krull's, 3466 S. Washington Road

FRIDAY - SUNDAY, MARCH 6-8

CYF Retreat at Camp Barbee

BIRTHDAYS March 7 - 13
Bob Orr (7)
Cora Ann Harnish (7)
Jerry Warner (8)
Richard Dobson (10)
Kathleen Simon (10)
John Kelly (10)
Florence Palmer (12)
Kevin Mory (12)
Jean Chappell (12)
Mark Zimmerman (12)

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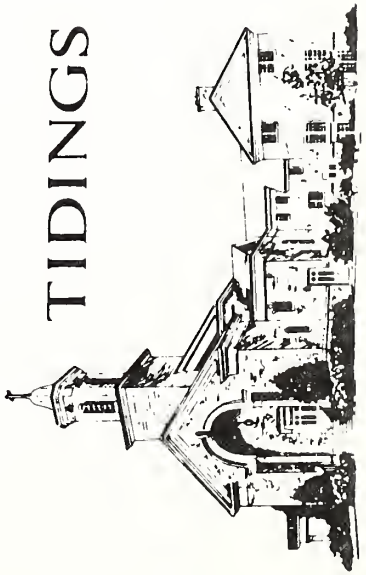

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WE NEED A LIFT - AND WE'RE GONNA GET IT!

Contractors intend to begin work in the middle of March. This project will not only provide an elevator, but also a new glass door at the office entrance and new concrete pads that will replace some of the broken pavement at the south entrance.

WE ARE GIVING A LIFT - TO SEVERAL INDIANA DISCIPLE PROJECTS!

We have given $10,000.00 to new church development in the Indiana Region, $10,000.00 for capital improvements at Barbee Conference Center, and $10,000.00 to the National Benevolent Association for use in capital projects at the Emily Flinn Home!

Your sharing makes a difference!

ALL CHURCH BIRTHDAY DINNER - 6:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Bring a salad or vegetables. Meat, drinks, and beautiful birthday cake provided.

SPECIAL PROGRAM! 7:30 p.m. in Sanctuary, FESTIVAL CHOIR. All welcome, Bring a guest!

MEN'S RALLY - MARCH 12 - NORTH CHRISTIAN, FORT WAYNE

Our men are invited to this Rally, 6:30 p.m. for dinner. Delores Turner, Regional Staff, will speak. "Christ Calls Us To Follow - Become Servants" is the theme for this evening of fellowship and inspiration. Dinner is $4.00. Contact the office or Dick.

ALL CHURCH SKATING PARTY

On Monday, March 16, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., Roller Dome South will be saluting First Christian Church at a skating party which is open to members and friends of our church. Identification (such as a bulletin, or a copy of the newsletter will get you in free of cost), skate rental is extra. Come and enjoy a night of fun and fellowship, and bring your family!

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP RETREAT

Our women are having a retreat at Barbee on Friday & Saturday, March 13 & 14, led by Avis Thompson. Please register for this event Sunday at worship.

D.M.A. - IS FOR EVERYONE!

On April 10, the Senior Citizens Center will host a trip to Grissom Air Force Base to have a windshield tour of the base, and to see a KC-135 tanker. The bus will then go to the Honeywell House in Wabash for lunch. Total cost is $32.00. Call Dick or Mabel Watson for details.

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ELDERS MEETING, Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING, Tuesday, March 10, 7:30 p.m.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to Nancy Smith for leading eleven families of parents through the Active Parenting Course in January and February!

CONGRATULATIONS

Jack Weicker was presented the Distinguished Service Award by the College Board Midwestern Regional Assembly on February 16 in Chicago.

Mary Mullins and Phil New became husband and wife Saturday night. They will live in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. Mary is Grace Truby's daughter.

CONCERN

Iva Imbody is now at Regency Place Nursing Home near Georgetown Shopping Center, 6006 Brandy Chase Cove.

Willis Wuthrich died last Tuesday night. Dr. Hamm had services for him on Saturday.

SCENES FROM FIRST

Julie Perry with Albert Wiltfong (13 months) in her arms, saying "Well, he was sort of lost among the pews, so I thought I'd show him the sights".....Chris Olson waving to his mom and dad from the very dignified (?) position of the Chancel steps as the children were beginning to sing.....Don Parlette with his arm around our own Barb Finkhousen.....Mike Piatt buying flowers for two Sundays in a row, one of them honoring the youth of the church.....Mimi Westerfield protecting two lovely friends from the rain.....Carolyn Falbe lovingly helping her mother-in-law with a walker up the steps.....Jerry Zimmerman playing his heart out, as he does every Sunday, on his birthday.....Do you realize what kind of concentration it takes to play a service -- or preach a sermon? Oh, good friends! Let us never take these things for granted, for all of them are love.

THE FESTIVAL CHOIR

The Festival Choir will present part of its concert "Strangers No More" in our sanctuary on Wednesday evening March 11 at 7:30 p.m. The choir is an outgrowth of last summer's Festival of Peace and Understanding and has been giving its energies and talents toward the sharing of its Vision of Shalom ever since. The choir has a number of concerts scheduled this spring, and will be traveling to Germany and East Germany and Prague June 5-23. Among other invitations, one is to sing for the Kirchentag -- a general assembly of church laity and clergy -- which is held every two years in Germany and has become almost an international event. The choir represents 25 congregations in the Fort Wayne area, and wishes its concerts not only to be enjoyable but to be bridges of friendship here at home and through the rare opportunity to sing in the Eastern bloc countries. You are invited to bring friends and family to hear this powerful program. An offering will be taken, and a nursery is available for little ones.

SPECIAL WORKSHOP FOR MEN

On April 24 and 25, Dr. George Shute will lead an exciting workshop for men at the Brown County Inn in Nashville. The $60.00 event includes lodging (double room) and Saturday lunch. Pre-registration is required since participants will be asked to complete an inventory of their attitudes on being a male today. They will also be asked to maintain a journal for two weeks prior to the workshop.

This is one significant event unlike any other sponsored by the Commission on Church Men. To register for the "Am I really A Man Now, Daddy" workshop, see your pastor or write Morris Finch, Christian Church in Indiana, 1100 W. 42nd Street, Room 150, Indianapolis, IN 46208. (Please include the $60.00 registration fee).

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - March 1, 1987

Angie Tomlinson, 345 W. Maple Grove; Rachel Paine, 7344 Mill Run Drive.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

My friend Loyd Gentry of our Fairview Church in Kansas City stimulated my thinking last week in his column. He wrote:

"Paul Noel Stookey, the 'Paul' in 'Peter, Paul, and Mary', spoke recently of our obsession with our own needs and desires. He reminded his audience that three decades ago there was a magazine called LIFE. Like takes in everything and everyone. Then, a decade or so ago, another publication called PEOPLE was born. While people is a pretty broad topic, it is not as broad as life.

Now, Stookey notes, we have a publication called US. No longer are we dealing with life, or even people. We are dealing with us. The rate we are going, before long we will be able to pick up a copy of ME on the newsstand.

We, who call ourselves the Church, must work towards reversing this undeniable trend of our times. To concern ourselves only with our own needs and our own desires and shut the rest of the world out, is not fulfilling the work of Him whom we call Lord."

Right on Loyd!

See you in worship, Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. This Sunday I am going to begin dealing with the problem of evil (it's about time, I know!).

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

A story is told about a well known English biologist who once met with a group of theologians. He was asked what he had learned about the creator from his studies of the natural world. His reply was the conclusion that God must have "An inordinate fondness for beetles."

Yes, our world is populated by not only innumerable amounts of these prodigious little beasts, but also in type of beetles. There are more species of beetles than there are of any other order of animal.

But what variety! What colors, from jet black, shining in variegated rainbows reflecting in the sun, to oranges and reds; in shapes from thin, curving grace, to cute roundness, to miniature horror show creatures. Maybe there are so many different types of beetles because God used every opportunity God could to express beauty and creativity in every biological niche available.

And we, who are all members of the order of life called humanity; in spite of being so much alike, and having so much in common that we can claim each other as brothers and sisters, we are also, in God's wisdom, multitalented and variegated in personality. Some are more "colorful" than others, some fade into their background while fulfilling some necessary task in society. Each one is a study in beauty and function, novelty and commonalty. If God so loves variety, maybe we ought to embrace it as well. And God does love variety; for we are told he loves each one of us.

--Shalom!

Ron

NOTE: The Rachel Group will meet on March 17 instead of March 10!

SERVING MARCH 8

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Liz Johnson and Laura York

10:45 A.M. Gene Klepfer and Rolland Ripple

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Smith-SW, D. Strickland-NW, E. Conrad, B. Grimm

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USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, J. Myers

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, T. Davis, D. Kreischer

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Mary Novachcoff

10:45 A.M. Bill Franklin

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M. Grimm - C. Miller

M. Hartman - J. Lindsay

D. Parlette - S. Zimmerman

L. York - C. Falbe

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IN HOSPITALS

St. Joseph:

417 - Mr. John Weyer

Parkview:

449 - Mr. Dwight Davis

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Ethel Shroyer (14)

Tanya Creager (15)

Mike Akers (15)

Wayne Koehlinger (15)

Stephen Ludwig (15)

Carole Overmyer (15)

George Bruckman (16)

Robert Ogles (16)

Max Finkhousen (17)

Mike Novachcoff (17)

Melanie Springer (19)

Vince Wells (19)

Clara Wells (19)

Pauline Auer (20)

Laura Manes (20)

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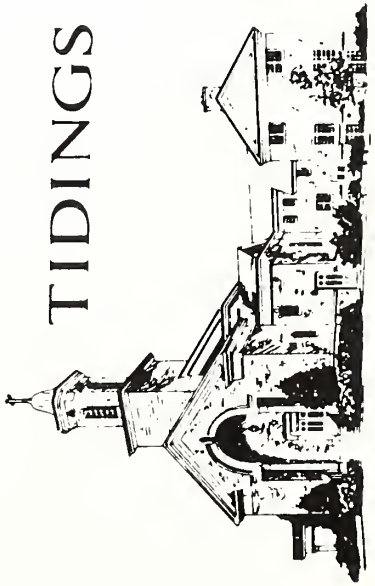

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PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE - SUNDAY, 6:15 - 7:00 P.M.

This is a quiet, dignified, yet very moving service. Come and seek healing, or seek to be used as a channel of healing for someone else. Guests and visitors are welcome.

VISITOR INFORMATION MEETING SUNDAY, 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Visitors and members are invited to an informational meeting this Sunday, March 15, in the church parlor. Please call the church office to RSVP. We will have a "thumb-nail sketch" of our history and answer any questions anyone may have. A light refreshment will be served.

SINGLES, SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Let's meet at the church at 1:30 p.m. to go to the 2:00 p.m. performance of "Lady Windemere's Fan" at First Presbyterian Theater. We'll go for "munchies" after! Cost is $5.00 per ticket. Please RSVP with Dick (744-3239) or the office, by Wednesday, March 18, so we can reserve tickets!

All singles welcome!

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ALL CANCER PATIENTS and members of their families are invited to a DAY OF RECOLLECTION (prayer and meditation) to be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on March 28th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Speaker: Father Patrick McNulty. Lunch: brown bag or nearby eateries. Medical personnel are welcome. Questions? Call George Renner at 747-0681.

REMINDER!!!

Save your Campbell Soup Labels, your Betty Crocker Points, and Commerative stamps for the church. Also, remember that the coupons downstairs in fellowship hall are for your use!

SCENE FROM FIRST

All kinds of strange, forbidding equipment beginning the addition of an elevator to our facility.....Youth, "on retreat", sleeping until 10:00 a.m., and waking only to the smell of bacon and cheese omelettes that the sponsors were cooking for breakfast.....Eric Mory returning to Fort Wayne at 11:00 p.m. in order to ring bells at 7:20 a.m. Sunday morning!.....Steve Mullen making his debut as a ringer and playing with accuracy and precision.....Eric Zimmerman and fiancee Robin, and the Jim Stucky's visiting "home" on Sunday.....Becky Stucky presenting Georgia-born Minister of Music with a 5 pound bag of stone-ground cornmeal from the south!.....Many good comments about the moving Ash Wednesday Service, planned by Laura York.....Like the robins being seen now returning from their winter escape from cold, we welcome back our folks as well - the Klepfers, the Fitch's, the Orrs.....David Orr collecting weird instruments for adult choir to use with significant anthem.....Diane Johnson in desperate need of tranquilizers and pain-killers because of jack-hammers outside office window.

SYMPATHY

Our prayers go up for the families of Troy Yeoman and Leland Higgins, who died this week.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 3-8-87

Flora E. Berchler, 2219 Dale Drive; Lee Sauer, 4642 Warsaw Street; George & Florence Flint, 218 W. Garfield, Paulding, Ohio; Doris & Tiffany Walton, Indianapolis, IN; Robin Lovelace, Eureka, Illinois.

FIRST REACHES OUT!

The Cleveland Christian Children's Home sent Bette Jones a nice letter thanking the church for Campbell Soup Labels which have been collected and sent. Our labels (with others) helped the Home get a video recorder, a microwave, musical instruments, and supplies and more.

Keep those labels coming in!

We also received a lovely letter from Regional Minister Howard Goodrich, thanking us for our recent capital gifts of $30,000 which were divided evenly between Emily Flinn Home, Barbee Conference Center, and Regional New Church.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I received many positive comments on the sermon Sunday (this is a very supportive congregation!), but I've really just begun dealing with the issue of evil. We looked at temptation last Sunday. This Sunday I want to help us better understand the nature of sin. We tend to think of sin in individual terms only, but it operates on another level too, in our human systems. Understanding systemic sin is essential, if we are to understand how the world works. I hope to "unpack" this term "systemic sin" this Sunday. The primary illustration? The crucifixion of Jesus!

As I begin planning summer preaching, I want to offer you the opportunity for some input. What are your favorite passages of Scripture? Or, on what scriptures would you like to hear a sermon? Please submit your suggestions in writing by April 1. Mail it here or hand it to me Sunday, but please write it down.

I'll see you Sunday as we continue our Lenten journey!

Love,

Dick

P.S. I hope you will come and experience our Prayer & Healing Service this Sunday evening 6:15 - 7:00 p.m.! Many comment that this is the most meaningful, powerful service they have ever experienced!

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

First Oral Roberts saw a giant Jesus telling him to build a hospital. The authorities in Oklahoma said, Jesus or no, there is no need for another hospital in the Tulsa area. As it turns out, the authorities seem to have been right. His hospital, at last report, is mostly empty, and he has had to make a desperate call for 4.5 million dollars to support part of this disastrous undertaking.

Now, my question is this: If Rev. Roberts saw a giant Jesus who told him to build his hospital, why has the plan fallen apart?

In early 1986, one of the other popular TV preachers published a book claiming to predict as a prophet in God's name that many things would come to pass during the year. At the risk of receiving his every-other-week mailings asking for contributions from here to the actual coming of the Kingdom, I ordered his book so as to be able to check out his accuracy. Well, Lester, 1986 is past. Although many of the things he seemed to call predictions were such general statements that no one could possibly know for sure if they were to come to pass, the few tangible things he did predict did not come to pass: as far as I can tell, the United Nations did not "dissolve", nor, as best as I can tell, did the "world monetary system...default." How can a man who so often denounces "false prophets" not clearly see that even by the standards he teaches that he qualifies as "false?"

Oral and Lester have something in common. They claim to have had some insight that the rest of us don't have. They call it a prophecy or a vision. They use these "visions" as authoritative clubs: "If I've seen a giant Jesus, then what I'm telling you must be the truth!" I tell you, these visions have no more authority than if the one claiming to have seen them just came straight out and said, "I think I ought to build a hospital here!" Visions can lie just as readily as any human being. This is what John had to remind the Church to whom he wrote the first letter which bears his name: "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are of God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world." (I John 4:1)

-Don

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Terry King (23)
Bob Pauley (23)
Margaret Love (24)
John Glasgow (24)
Rosemary Krull (25)
Freda Householder (25)
Donna Byers (25)
Bob Briggs (26)
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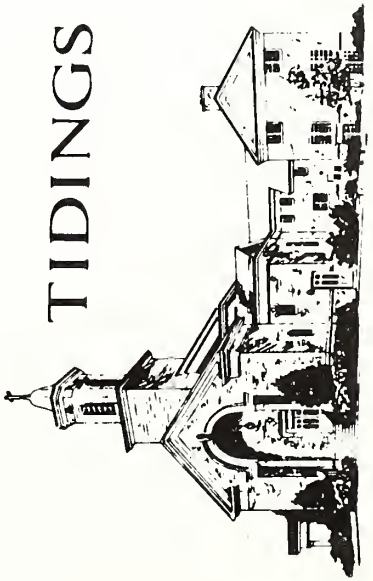

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HOUSING NEEDED FOR CHOIR

We are privileged to have the Jarvis Christian College Choir in concert here at First Christian on Good Friday evening, April 17. We need to provide housing and two meals for the 25 or so members of this group. If you would be willing to have one or more of these young people in your home for the night, please call the church office as soon as possible. Thank you.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

What can you do about world hunger? Our Bread For The World group has lots of answers to this question! Come and find out about us! We meet 4th Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. (right before Committee meetings).

FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT - FEBRUARY

February Expenditures	$ 16,556.21
February Receipts	17,027.92
Balance for Month	$ 471.71

February was a good month, but we still have a negative year to date balance of $10,280.95 due to a deficit carried over from 1986. Your support of the Church is deeply appreciated.

COMMITTEES meet Tuesday, March 24, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS

Bob & Esther Clipp are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this Saturday, March 21.

Lozier and Betty Ziegler are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary June 28 in Greencastle, Indiana (he was a pastor of this congregation). First Christian people are invited to participate (no gifts, please). Daughter, Mrs. Douglas Waddell is preparing a memory book for which you could send a letter or other momento (address: 4134 Allendale #2, Cincinnati, Ohio 45209. If you have any questions, call Bill or Hazel Crouse at 745-2635.

THE FESTIVAL CHOIR -

Wishes to thank First Christian for its invitation to sing, and for its support of the choir and its activities. The choir will be carrying a banner to Europe which will be displayed everywhere it sings. The banner will be made of multi-colored strips of fabric, each one embroidered with the name of the church or organization which has helped. First Christian will be on the banner, as well as the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, Division of Overseas Ministries. The banner is not only the choir's way of visibly showing that it really represents the spirit of Ft. Wayne, but also its way of saying "thank you".

The choir also publicly thanks Kris Ohneck and her committee for the light supper served afterwards. Choir people never eat before they sing, and afterward are emotionally and physically exhausted. It was an unexpected and replenishing happening after working so hard, and the choir is very grateful.

There are 12 concerts scheduled in the Ft. Wayne area this spring before the trip to Germany and the Eastern bloc in June. If you missed the program last Wednesday, you might enjoy it elsewhere. The choir's calendar is on the bulletin board, or call Helen for information.

Thank you, First Christian, for all your help!

FIRST REACHES OUT!

February 23, 1987

christian theological seminary

First Christian Church
4800 S. Calhoun Street
Ft. Wayne, Indiana 46807

Dear Friends:

It is a special privilege to acknowledge the recent contribution designated as a scholarship for one of our CTS students. The encouragement as a sense of support which this represents is also a great benefit to our students. Enclosed is receipt #8284 in the amount of $1,000.00.

The cost of theological education continues to increase as do other major segments of our life. The friends of CTS who provide financial assistance make it possible for the Church to challenge its best leaders for ministry.

The commitment of men and women of college and/or second career ages who begin their 3 to 4 year seminary degree work must be strong. The financial pressures are often the hardest to handle.

The financial assistance your congregation provided to Andrea Leininger helps make it possible for her to prepare for one of the Church's ministries. On behalf of our CTS community, allow me to express our gratitude and appreciation.

Sincerely,

Darey E. Burkhalter
Associate Director of Development

(First Christian's scholarship fund supports seminarian Andy Leininger and college student Eric Zimmerman who is moving toward seminary. Memorial and Estate gifts have made this possible!).

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I ask you to pray for the teachers, Board, and administration of Ft. Wayne Community Schools. They deserve your prayers (not that we should pray only for those who deserve it!).

I have clashed with the administration over some issues, including racial balance in our elementary schools, but I believe that all of the Administrators and Board members want quality education for the 30,000 or so kids in FWCS. Likewise, I don't always agree with Teacher Union leadership, but I believe that the teachers in FWCS are by and large dedicated people who just want to teach the best they know how.

Now, in part due to an unwieldy negotiating process, good and sincere people are about to come to blows. Anyone who has ever been part of a teacher strike, or near one, knows that the pain and damage is severe and long lasting. Colleague relationships are damaged beyond repair when some teachers strike and some don't. Teacher-Administrator relationships are severely damaged in every building. Everybody suffers for a long time.

This is why I ask you to pray for teachers, administrators, and board members. Pray that they will seek every possible channel for settlement. Pray that cool heads will prevail on both sides. Pray for a just and practical settlement. The next several weeks are most critical, in my opinion.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

The good old days. I look back on my days of college and think, yes, that was the golden age. I was happy, I knew where I was going, what I was about. Everything seemed so clear. But when I dare plunge below the surface of those memories of sureness and warmth, I have to admit that there were times when I was in near despair. I'm like the three men who are just now completing a six year trip around the world. One, Peter Wuerslin told a reporter, "When things were magnificent, they surpassed the imagination. And when they were bad, they were really the pits." Nonetheless, all three agreed that most of the trip was "fabulous" and that the negative parts of the trip, like crossing the roadless jungles between Panama and Colombia, were already fading from memory.

Perhaps it is a grace that our memories are not one hundred percent accurate. We can remember being in pain, but remembered pain does not equal the original. Those moments of unsurety and awkwardness fade away to puffs of smoke on a now distant horizon.

I believe that God deals with us and our world in a very similar manner. God values and preserves all in his creation which is good, which adds to the upbuilding of the world. No good deed or truth uncovered is ever lost or in vain. God treasures these things up and continues to use them in God's ongoing work in the world. All else is lost, forgotten, and eventually looses its sting and painfulness. As Jeremiah saw in his vision of God's new covenant (Jeremiah 31:34), "...they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Shalom!

Don

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 3-15-87

Rachel Hoover, 1126 Kinnaird; David & Lisa Schimmel, 4623 Stratford Road; Mike Satterthwaite, 6606 Maywood; Phil Swain, 7609 Lakeridge Drive, Susan McCarrol, 2525 Webster Street; Harold & Colyn Crowder, Bloomington, IN; Vicki & Kelly Kuehnert, Woodburn, IN: George & Doris Mather.

SERVING MARCH 22

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bud Ludwig and Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Sam Hayes and Eileen Klepfer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Kelly-SW, D. Strickland-NW, E. Conrad, M. Novachcoff

10:45 A.M. S. Zimmerman-SW, S. Callahan-NW, J. McGrew-SE, M. Mullen-NE, B. Lindsay, J. Lindsay, K. Taylor, K. Tobias

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, J. Myers

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, H. Nordblom, J. Byers

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Hazel & Bill Crouse

10:45 A.M. Becky Glasgow

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

B. Franklin - B. Wiltfong

B. Johnson - S. Callahan

B. Ludwig - D. Graham

P. Mullen - G. Lantz

COMMUNION PREPARATION

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LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

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9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

4:00 P.M. Chi Rho

5:30 P.M. CYF

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, MARCH 23

9:00 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

6:00 P.M. Bread For The World Group

7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship-Grades K-5th

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

5:30 P.M. Bell Choir

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS March 28-April 3

Kim Bonton (28)

Jim Buchanan (28)

Lelia Arnos (28)

Linda Hendrickson (28)

Maude Donohue (29)

Sylvia Smith (29)

Pam Akers (30)

Connie Wells (30)

Bill Urich (31)

Paul Yentes (1)

Gladys Harshbarger (1)

Tom Knuckles (1)

Marshall Smith (2)

Sylvia Engle (3)

Anna Chasar (3)

IN HOSPITALS

In Texas - Kathy Kelly for an evaluation of heart problems.

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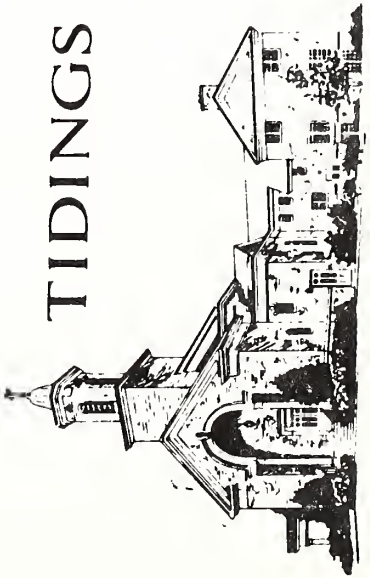

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THIS SATURDAY 11:00 A.M.
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WE'LL BUILD 'EM, EAT LUNCH, & FLY 'EM
EVERYONE INVITED!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jim & Patricia Sablic united with us yesterday! Jim comes from a Catholic background, Patricia from Baptist. They live at 1019 Kinnaird Avenue, phone 456-7989. Welcome!

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PRAYER CHAIN

This year we again will have a continuous prayer chain beginning at 9:00 p.m. Good Friday until 6:00 a.m. Easter Sunday morning. We encourage you to sign up for one of the one hour time slots. The sign-up poster will be on display at the church.

SUNRISE SERVICE AND BREAKFAST - 6:30 a.m.

We will have a brief but meaningful Sunrise Service followed at 7:15 by a Sunrise Breakfast. It is a wonderful time for good fellowship with our Christian family and we invite one and all to join us for the Sunrise Service and Breakfast.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We are now watching the elevator under construction! It's shaping up rapidly.

If you are in a position to contribute toward your capital pledge now, it will save the church interest, as we will soon be at the point of needing to take out a loan for the balance of the work. So far, because of your accelerated giving, the church has saved more than a thousand dollars of interest money!

If you have not made a pledge to the Capital Campaign and wish to do so, or wish more information, please call the church office.

EASTER SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR HOST NEEDED

Call the church office if you would host this after 10:45 a.m. worship.

CONGRATULATIONS

Andith and Charles Wrisk celebrate 62 yours of marriage on March 28.

Lozier and Betty Ziegler are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary June 28 in Greencastle, Indiana (he was a pastor of this congregation). First Christian people are invited to participate (no gifts, please). Daughter, Mrs. Douglas Waddell is preparing a memory book for which you could send a letter or other momento (address: 4134 Allendale #2, Cincinnati, Ohio 45209.) If you have any questions, call Bill or Hazel Crouse at 745-2635.

THANK YOU

The family of Troy Yeoman acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

The family of Leland H. Higgins gratefully acknowledges your kind expression of sympathy.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED

Heartfelt prayers and sympathy go to the family of Kathy Kelly, who passed away Monday, March 23.

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FIRST REACHES OUT!

Dear Members of First Christian Church,

Our ministry at Emily Flinn Memorial Home and Kennedy Living Center is important to future generations. We are good stewards of the benevolent dollars with which we are given. As benevolent dollars increase we will be able to increase services to more people, such as we plan to do with Robin Run Village which is being built here in Indianapolis.

You have shared what you have with some who have been less fortunate. With your financial gifts, you have shown, in a tangible way, your commitment to continue this heritage of caring. Thank you for showing this interest. Please keep us in your prayers.

Sincerely yours,

Deborah L. Hunt

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Secretary
NBA Services in Indiana

(First Christian recently sent $10,000 to the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for capital needs of Emily Flinn Memorial Home in Marion, Indiana. Emily Flinn is one of the Disciples homes for the aged)

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NBA Services in Indiana is the Development Office for Flinn Memorial Home and Kennedy Living Center on behalf of the National Benevolent Association, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I got busy Saturday evening and put in our spring garden: three kinds of peas, lettuce, radishes, broccoli, spinach, carrots, potatoes, onions .... I had a big time digging and planting. Don't you love to see things grow? I'm sure it's one of God's great pleasures, too. And I'm certain that God is enjoying the growth here at First Christian. It's God that's giving it, you know, just as surely as it's God that makes the garden grow.

Like a garden, a church needs cultivating and general hard work from it's members, so you must all be doing something right, too! I hope you feel satisfaction in it. I'll tell you something, we've only just begun!

Enjoy the spring days! I'll see you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P. S. Sunday's sermon is entitled "Legitimate Suffering".

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

What is one to say of the fall of Jim and Tammy Bakker? Or what is one to say in the face of what happened to James Armstrong, the president of the National Council of Churches a few years back? In both instances, people in high visibility positions had their personal lives unravel due to overwhelming stress, pressure, and personal shortcomings; one might even refer to the ever-present reality and power of sin in the lives even of those we hold in some esteem.

People on either side of the "liberal-evangelical" spectrum have and will tend to "make hay" out of the personal turmoil of those on the opposite end of the spectrum from themselves. But the plain fact is, we are glad it is them and not us. As has been said of civilizations, we all carry the potential seeds of our own downfall with us. None of us has the right to gloat over the pain, suffering, and destruction of those with whom we disagree. The destruction may have been self induced, the pain may be the reaping of the seeds one has sown, but the the honest fact is, we all can be self destructive, foolish, contradictory, or even willfully sinful at times. We just don't have a national forum in which to display our idiosyncrasies.

I am no less critical of the Bakker's approach to religion than I ever have been. I still believe it is trite and tinsely. Nor am I approving their misdeeds. But I find no joy in their suffering, and there is something in me that hopes that they will be able to put their personal lives back together. You might take a look at Matthew 7:3-5.

Shalom! - Don

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 3-22-87

Ken & Nedra Feeley, Rebecca, Sarah, Kevin, Jason, 1307 Kensington Blvd.; Mary Houghton, Silvertree; Earlene Davis & Jason; 7340B Mill Run Drive; Troy & Jean White, Washington, Indiana.

"PHERESIS" BLOOD DONORS NEEDED

Pheresis is a process in which blood is taken from one arm, a particular component is separated by a machine (red or white blood, platlets, or plasma), and the blood is returned to the other arm. These donations are used for specific treatment of cancer patients and others who need specific components of blood but not whole blood.

Donors are needed by the Red Cross. If you are interested in this program, contact the Red Cross at 482-3781. Brochures are on several bulletin boards at church.

SERVING MARCH 29

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Chip Olson and Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Mike Callahan and Wayne Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson-SW, L. Strickland-NW, M. Snouffer, E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. J. Mey-SW, D. Mey-NW, G. Lantz-SE, M. Hamm-NE, J. Ohneck, K. Ohneck, D. Miller, L. Lewis

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Neva Mennewisch

10:45 A.M. Grace Truby & Mabel Watson

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Jack & Bobbi Lindsay

ACOLYTES

Matt Busse & Josh Lytle

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

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Lois Finkhousen & Sam Hayes

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10:45 A.M. Diane Mory

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10:45 A.M. Second Worship

5:30 P.M. CYF

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, MARCH 30

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

6:15 P.M. CWF "Campus Ministry" carry in dinner

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship-Grades K-5th

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Reba Fusselman's 6309 Bluffton Road

5:30 P.M. Bell Choir

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS April 4 - 10

Stella Hauk (4)
Wes Westerfield (4)
Phyllis Fitch (4)
Sharon Pauley (5)
Anne Shirley (5)
Reba Fusselman (6)
Scott Keebortz (6)
Teresa Meadows (6)
Genevieve Ripple (6)
Gary Helmke (7)
Ann Sands (9)
Betty Grimm (10)
Bud Ludwig (10)

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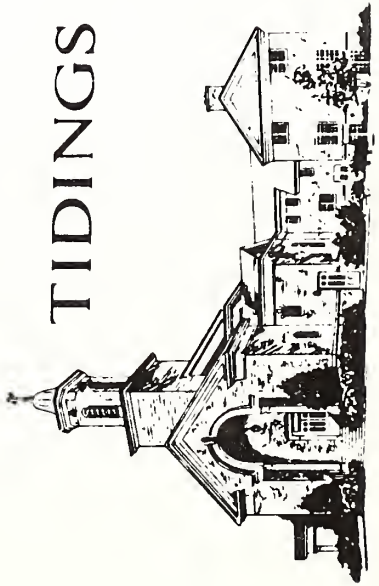

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SUNRISE SERVICE - 6:30 a.m.; EASTER BREAKFAST - 7:15 a.m.

Begin Easter morning by joining us in the Sunrise Worship Service. After the service, there will be a breakfast. Come share in the fellowship and good food as we celebrate our Lord's resurrection. If you would like to come to the breakfast, but have special dietary needs, call Laura York (447-1284) or the church office.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Finance Committee will meet Wednesday, April 8, 7:00 p.m. at the church.

EDELWEISS

There have been suggestions that we return to using this as the closing song to our services. Because it is still under copyright, it is illegal to print words in bulletins (or anywhere else) without permission from the publisher, which permission has been denied. Reprinting and copying for tax-exempt organizations held such freedom for so long that it is hard to realize all the restrictions now imposed on this kind of activity. Many suits are pending in the courts, and the staff at First Christian does not choose to do anything illegal, let alone get caught at it! Please forgive our "conservatism", but it is in the best interest of the church, and respects the rights of the composers and poets.

SCENE FROM FIRST

Dust and noise -- noise and dust. Signs everywhere: "Do not open this door"..... dust so thick at one point on Diane's word processor that she can't read what she's typed! John tearing his hair out trying to keep up with it ..... but the whole thing, like childbirth, is easily forgotten pain. First Christian Church is delivering an elevator .... Chancel Choir having a party after practice honoring Anita Fitch for her long years of service and commitment to the music ministry of the church and because the Choir loves her ..... reason enough! ..... Collection of strange instruments in choir room ..... pipes? Speaking of pipes, delivery of organ pipes from Europe on Thursday! Cases of them ..... perhaps by Easter there will be a very different organ sound, much needed support for congregation and choir. Another dream come true! .... Eleven bold kite builders and flyers brave the elements and found success -- a Kris Ohneck organization! ..... We think it is very convenient for Don and Beth to have eye infections in different eyes -- right for her, left for him. That way everybody sees together. Is that what marriage is?

IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT CAMP!

What does church camp have to offer youth? How about swimming, boating (at Lake Barbee), crafts, music, hiking, cook-outs, worship, creative Bible and spiritual instruction, organized recreation, a natural environment and counselors dedicated to witnessing their faith in Jesus Christ. Camps are designed for youth entering grade five and older. For more information on church camp contact Don Wiltfong.

FIRST REACHES OUT!

Rev. Dick Hamm
First Christian Church
4800 South Calhoun Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46807

Dear Rev. Hamm:

It has been brought to the attention of the Barbee Camp Committee that First Christian Church has made a gift of $10,000 for use at the Camp. The committee, along with myself, wish to express our sincere gratitude to you and your church for putting the Camp on your list of interests. We feel great strides are being made to improve facilities at the camp. I will assure you that we will use the funds in keeping with the already adopted long range plans for the camp. Responsible stewardship and accountability are an ongoing part of the work of the committee.

This gift will help us complete the work on Cabin 4 remodeling, along with other priority needs of the facilities. Thank you for the gift and helping to make Barbee Christian Camp more useful to carry out the work of the Lord.

Sincerely,

Earl Watson

Earl Watson, Camp Committee Chairman

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

During the first two days of this week, I plan to be at Christian Theological Seminary for what I regard as a most important event - a Disciple Identity Conference entitled, "Reappraising the Disciples Tradition for the 21st Century." This event is so important because, as a denomination, we need to clarify our direction.

I believe that if most Americans knew who we, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), are they would beat a path to our door. We have a very creative blend of freedom and order. We have had a tremendous impact on other American churches, and that ought to continue, for we have much to offer the future shape of the Church. At the same time, in ecumenical partnership with other churches, we have much to learn as well.

Rediscovery of our own identity, however, seems like an important task at this time. I hope to have some imput into this discussion through this conference. I'll report to you about it later.

I hope your Lenten journey is going well. We are moving all too quickly toward the climax.

Have a great week!

Love,
Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

The founder and president of a chain of Minnesota health clubs claims that his two partners are the "secular stockholders" and that God owns the business. With that assumption, the people who see themselves running God's company for him have decided that God does not want to employ anyone they feel is "antagonistic to the Gospel's moral standards." In fact, if an employee wants to be promoted into the ranks of management, he or she needs to be a "growing Christian."

This has brought them in violation of state law in the view of the Human Rights Department. The operators of the chain argued that their personnel practices were protected under the constitutional guarantees of the freedom of religion. The state supreme court rejected their argument, and they began having to pay a $300 a day fine until they altered their employment policy.

Why are these men not allowed to hire people who agree with their values and goals? What right does the state have to tell them that they cannot hire Christians of a certain ilk because they believe they are the best, most trustworthy workers? Well, the legal fact is that the state has decided that an employer does not have the right to set hiring practices that discriminate arbitrarily against people on the basis of gender, race, or religion.

But beyond the legalities, what bothers me is that these men have tried to hide their biases behind God. By saying that God "owns" their business, they shirk taking the responsibility of their own decisions. The best they could say is that they are seeking to follow, as best as they can discern, what they believe to be God's will in running their business. On that basis one can discuss the issue. One can say, "well, as I read the New Testament, I see Jesus wading into crowds of 'publicans and sinners' without hesitation." One can point out the dangers of "conversion by coercion", and of the temptation to falsify faith for the sake of one's career. But as long as it is "God's business," there can be no questioning. The speakers are so sure of their own convictions that they blaspheme, attributing to God biases God just might not share with them.

Shalom!, Don

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 3-29-87

Denise L. Hamilton, Christina and Chris, 7033 Strawberry Dr.; Hazel Snowball, 2100 St. Mary's Avenue; Theron & Dorothy Shouse, Effingham, Il; Edna Smith, Lawrenceburg, Il; Ben & Larry Taylor, Lexington, Ky.; Bernice Baxter.

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USHERS

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10:45 A.M. Wes Westerfield, Homer Stevenson, Bette Haines, Ellyn Kreisher

GREETERS

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10:45 A.M. Lori Lewis

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EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Shirley Callahan & Sam Hayes

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 P.M. Judy Church

10:45 P.M. Bob Orr

IN HOSPITALS

St. Joseph:

Virginia Reimer - 419

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

5:30 P.M. CYF

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, APRIL 6

9:00 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship-Grades K-5th

7:00 P.M. Finance Committee meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

5:30 P.M. Bell Choir

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

9:00 A.M. Young People's Membership Class

BIRTHDAYS April 11 - 17

Becky Glasgow (12)

Bud O'Laughlin (13)

Phyllis Tobias (13)

John Merrill Jr. (13)

Fern Strole (14)

Golden Rose (14)

Ruth Yost (15)

Diane Friemuth (16)

Richard Jackson (16)

Aimie Pratt (16)

John Weyer (16)

Lillian Busse (17)

Nick Keirn (17)

Ed Woolridge (17)

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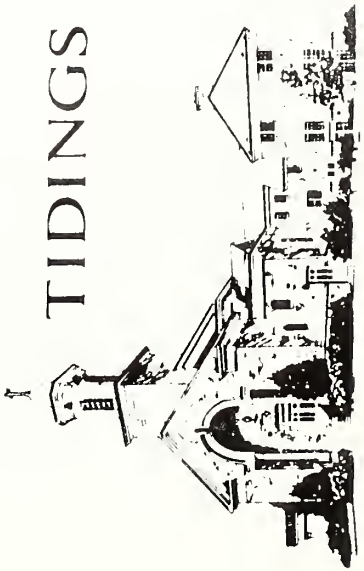

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HOLY WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Palm Sunday Services - 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. - 6:15 p.m. Prayer and Healing Service.
A celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem - Procession with palms.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal - 6:30 p.m. (Chancel Choir practice afterwards)
A celebration of the Passover with a Seder meal.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Good Friday Service - 1:30 at Calvary Presbyterian Church
Joint service with other churches in our area with combined choirs.
Jarvis Christian College Choir - 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Prayer Chain begins at 9:00 p.m. and continues until 6:00 a.m. Sunday

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Easter Sunrise Service - 6:30 a.m.; Easter Breakfast - 7:15 a.m.
Easter Services - 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

The celebration of the resurrection of our Lord is much more meaningful if we have walked through the week with Him as He might have lived it. Easter, then, with all its bursts of beauty and joy, becomes the festival occasion of the reality of the presence of God, and of the ground of our belief in eternal life. May the whole church family participate with visitors and friends!

SACRIFICIAL BREAKFAST

On Saturday morning, April 11 at 9:30 a.m., our CWF is sponsoring a Sacrificial Breakfast. This is for men as well as women, and is planned as a preparation for the events of Holy Week. Plan to attend this very meaningful worship service.

PRAYER CHAIN

Participation in this yearly prayer chain has been a meaningful experience for many of us so we encourage you to be a part of it. The continuous prayer chain starts at 9:00 p.m. Good Friday and ends at 6:00 a.m. Easter morning. A sign-up poster will be on display in the Fellowship Hall. Men are needed for security in three hours shifts. If not enough people sign up, it will be cancelled.

ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN - PALM SUNDAY APRIL 12

There will be a "procession of palms" this Sunday. If you would like to be a part of this, come to the narthex (back of church) at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday. Children will go sit with their parents after the processional.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING - Tuesday, April 14 - 7:30 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational meeting on April 26, 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary for the election of officers for the new year.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

Our sympathy is expressed to Rolland and Genevieve Ripple and Gwynth Rice in the death of their sister-in-law, Kelly Ripple in Detroit last week.

Our prayers are with Ruby Boxell who will be going into surgery on Friday at Parkview Hospital, and with Ruby Mowery who is in Lutheran Hospital.

THANK YOU

To all my friends of First Christian Church:

A heartfelt thank you for your prayers and sympathy during my recent hospital stay and surgery.

John Weyer

JOYS

We share the joy of Mr. & Mrs. Max Geiselman who announce the birth of their grandson, Duston Scott on March 30th to their son Kurt and his wife Theresa! Congratulations!

We rejoice that Rev. Don Wiltfong's father came through his heart surgery well, and is recovering nicely. Welcome home, Don!

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEMBERSHIP CLASS - APRIL 11

Young people (middle & high school) are invited to a membership class on Saturday, April 11, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at the church. Call the office (744-3239) to register, please.

PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE

There will be a Prayer & Healing Service this Sunday, April 12, 6:15-7:15 p.m. All are welcome. Come to seek healing of body, mind, and soul for yourself or another, or come asking to be blessed as a channel of healing for someone else.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Please call the church office if you have an Easter Lily you would be willing to loan the church for Easter Sunday. Money may be donated to purchase lilies in honor or memory of a loved one. The cost is $8.00 and checks should be marked "Lilies" and made payable to First Christian Church. Lilies may be picked up after second worship.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER MEAL

This meal will be more spiritual filling rather than physical filling for us. The foods will be typical Jewish foods used to celebrate Passover. The meaning of this special feast will be enacted and explained for us as we taste the foods. If you have not signed up, call the church office (744-3239).

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE CHOIR

The congregation, friends, and neighbors are invited to hear this beautiful choir from Hawkins, Texas when they appear in concert in our sanctuary Friday evening, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. An offering will be taken to help with their expenses. In this time when we are so aware of the conflicts and pressures involving our young people, it will be a pleasure to support and applaud the gifts of these college students, their enthusiasm and their wholesomeness. We look forward very much to their music, and the music of their lives. This is the 75th anniversary of Jarvis, a black liberal arts college related to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). HOUSING is still needed for some of these young people. If you would be willing to have one or more in your home for the night and provide two meals, please call the church office as soon as possible (744-3239).

SUNRISE SERVICE - 6:30 a.m.; EASTER BREAKFAST - 7:15 a.m.

Begin Easter morning by joining us in the Sunrise Worship Service. After the service, there will be a breakfast. Come share in the fellowship and good food as we celebrate our Lord's resurrection. If you would like to come to the breakfast, but have special dietary needs, call Laura York (447-1284) or the church office.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe, but our journey to Jerusalem is rapidly coming to a climax. I hope you are planning on making Holy Week a spiritual priority by planning to take advantage of as many services and programs as possible.

The conference on Disciple Identity at Christian Theological Seminary last week was excellent! I felt the two days were very much worth the time and that something positive will come of the work we did. I'll report some of what went on from time to time and what some of the issues are that we discussed.

My very good friend, Dr. Richard Dickinson, has been selected as the new President of Christian Theological Seminary in the wake of T. J. Liggett's retirement. Dick has been the Dean of CTS for many years, and before that was Professor of Christian Social Ethics. I had the privilege of working as his student assistant for two years while in seminary. He is an excellent choice and I feel very confident about the future of our excellent Seminary!

I hope winter's last "shots" aren't getting you down! Spring is almost here in deed (which is more important than what the calendar says!).

I very much appreciate our friend and Regional Associate Pastor Chuck Babcock filling our pulpit in the absence of Don and me last Sunday. I'll be back this week with a sermon suitable for a Palm Sunday!

See you then!

Love,

Dick

SCENE FROM FIRST

Harold Lucas, with help from John and Jerry unpacking pipes--hand-made in Ohio--and installing them..... Members of the Chancel Choir suddenly bursting into applause on Thursday night when Jerry surprised them in an anthem accompaniment with the new full organ!..... Super wonderful ..... Minister checking with volunter desk at Lutheran Hospital to confirm Ruby Mowery;s room number, and being told immediately "M-123" ..... "And how did you remember that off the top of your head?" ..... "Oh--well lots of people have been asking about her." ..... April and Katie Lantz in morning worship with their beloved stuffed animals ..... Diane Johnson returning from vacation with a beautiful tan .... The wonder of it all! --that Vee Parlette plays so beautifully in spite of the broken wrist last spring ..... Wonder why it is that preachers sing with so much gusto and congregations don't!

SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE!

For those entering 5th & 6th grades:
June 15-20 (Barbee), June 22-27 (Indian Lake),
July 6-11 (Barbee), July 20-25 (Indian Lake).
For those entering 7th & 8th grades:
June 15-20 (Indian Lake), June 22-27 (Barbee),
June 29-July 4 (Barbee & Indian Lake),
July 13-18 (Indian Lake), July 20-25 (Barbee).
For those entering 9th-12th grades:
June 29-July 4 (Barbee), July 5-11 (Indian Lake),
July 12-18 (Barbee), July 26-August 1 (Barbee & Indian Lake)

Call the church office for more information! If you would like to serve as a counselor, or think you might, call Dick or Don.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 4-5-87

Rick Slatton, 1706 Reed Road; John L. Vickey, 5612 River Run Trail; Chuck & Burnell Babcock, Rochester, Indiana; Guy Thatcher.

SERVING APRIL 12

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and Bill Johnson

10:45 A.M. Eileen and Gene Klepfer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Smith-SW, L. Strickland-NW, M. Novachcoff, E. Conrad

10:45 A.M. R. Krull-SW, C. Falbe-NW, B. Lindsay-SE, J. Lindsay-NE, M. Mullen, J. McGrew, S. Zimmerman, K. Tobias

USHERS

8:15 A.M. Earl Snouffer, Don Smith, Charles Byrket

10:45 A.M. Wes Westerfield, Homer Stevenson, Harold Nordblom, Mimi Westerfield

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Reba & Earl Fusselman

10:45 A.M. Bruce Lehman and Ken Taylor

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Lutheran:

Ruby Mowery - M-123

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4:00 P.M. Chi Rho
5:30 P.M. CYF
6:15 P.M. Prayer & Healing Service

MONDAY, APRIL 13

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild
7:00 P.M. Sarah Group
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

12:45 P.M. Rachel Group
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

6:30 P.M. Seder Meal
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
After Seder Meal

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

1:30 P.M. Community Good Friday Service
Calvary Presbyterian
7:00 P.M. Jarvis Christian College Choir
9:00 P.M. Prayer Chain Begins

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

10:00 A.M. Bell Choir

BIRTHDAYS April 18 - 24

Kathryn Cullen (19)
Iva Imbody (19)
David Moody (19)
Arlene Downes (20)
Opal Carper (21)
Julia Hendricks (21)
Gail Roe (21)
Karen Zimmerman (21)
Jack Hayes (22)
Dean Howard (22)
Sheryl Melchi (22)
Larry Strickland (22)
Dick Mey (23)
Becca Olson (23)
Patrice Stucker (23)
Devera Harter (24)
Grady Vanderwall (24)

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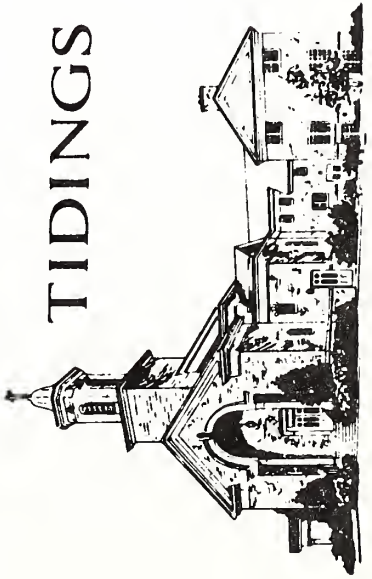

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The following young people made their confession of faith Sunday: Steve Mullen, Adam Hayes, Alisha Stover, Mary Fanger. Congratulations! Baptism will follow on Easter Sunday.

Dick & Helen Polk transferred their membership from Gary, Indiana. They reside at 6510 Covington Road 46804, phone number is 432-8309. Seek them out and bid them welcome!

Easter Weekend

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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EXTENDED SESSION FOR EASTER SUNDAY

There will be a session for preschool children during the 10:45 a.m. service in the Beginner Sunday School classroom. There will be no class for Kindergarten, Reading Readiness, or 1st grade.

D.M.A. FELLOWSHIP

On Friday, April 24, the D.M.A. will meet for a pot-luck at the church. Following the meal, Mr. Tom Alston of Amtrak will present a slide presentation about the railroad. Come and bring a friend!

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, April 24, 6:30 p.m. at Deb & Curt Miller's, 4527 Beaver Avenue. Call Deb at 456-4028 to RSVP. This is for all parents.

NEWS FROM FORMER MEMBERS

Tanya Creager invites you to the celebration of her marriage to Bruce Allen Fowler on Saturday, May 2, 5:00 p.m., at Woodview Church of God, 1825 Getz Road. Dinner and reception following. Congratulations, Tanya!

Deb White writes that all is well with she and Steve and the family in LaMosa, California. Her parents (Harold & Edna Nordblom) will be going out for their first granddaughter's wedding! She writes, "I'm very excited about this because it's the first in a long time the whole family will be together again for such an exciting moment and days to cherish."

CWF CARRY-IN DINNER

Don't forget to mark Sunday, April 26 on your calendar. The CWF is sponsoring a carry-in dinner with Rev. Margaret McCray Worrall as speaker. Rev. Worrell is the campus minister at IU-PU Fort Wayne and will tell us about her work on the campus.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Charline Craig in the birth of her new granddaughter, Molly Elizabeth, born April 5!

BABY BLANKETS NEEDED FOR NURSERY

If you have some light weight or heavy baby blankets you would be willing to donate to the church nursery, please bring to the church office, or to the nursery on Sunday morning. Thank you!

FROM THE MARCH TREASURER'S REPORT

March income was $19,487.62, while outgo was $16,618.00. This is a gain of $2,869.62 for the month, which reduces our operating fund deficit to $7,411.33. Let's keep up the good work, and we'll wipe out the deficit altogether!

SHARE THE CARE

Saturday, April 25, 8:00 a.m., all members are invited to come to a church work day to clean up, spruse up, and fix up the church grounds for spring. Bring rake, pruners, etc. Call Dick Vanderwall (484-7878) if you have questions.

FIRST REACHES OUT!

We sent one of four quarterly checks for $300.00 this week to the Allen County Jail Ministry to support the work of Chaplain Doyle Staton.

On May 16, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., we are invited to Barbee Christian Camp to help spruce up the place and get it ready for our summer camp and conference program. Please RSVP your intent to help in this way by calling the church office.

Together in Mission
Easter 1987

The Easter offering, one of four special offerings for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Basic Mission Finance days, highlights involvement overseas and at home. The offerings will focus on ministries in Africa, youth, leader development and women's work.

SCENE FROM FIRST

Comment from choir member: "Gee, the congregation was happy today. You could feel it in the room." It was fun to see so many families with visiting family from out of town -- one of them being Dan Ross mother-in-law from Memphis. Palm Sunday with clowns and children and palm branches was a great day.....It ended up with Chi Rho boiling 6 dozen eggs and CYF coloring 5 dozen and 3. Nobody would say what happened to the other 9.....Wonderful spring break for the Dick Hamm family on vacation! It rained four days out of five, and everybody but Dick and Laura developed cases of intestinal flu. Fort Wayne looked pretty good on their return home!.....In contrast Don reports California as being sunny and 70 all week!.....Excitement is brewing in anticipation for the Jarvis Choir coming Friday.....and the Easter Worship and celebration on Sunday!

THANK YOU

Dear Members of First Christian Church:

We would like to thank everyone for your special prayers and condolences in the memory of our daughter Kathy Kelly. The kindness and caring that so many expressed filled our hearts with peace and helped us be stronger. God Bless all of you.

Sincerely,
John & Brenda Kelly

NEEDED - Food Bank Volunteers or substitutes. Call Gini Brown at 447-5764 if you can help out!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 4-12-87

Janell & Keat Gaskill, 5210-10 Stonehedge, Helen Mackes, Salt Lake City, Utah, Debra M. Fruitt, Champaign, Illinois, Art & Debbie Hallett.

EASTER EGG HUNT!

Great fun for all.....preschool, kindergarten, first graders, and second graders (and their families of course).

10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 18....rain or shine!

A BIAS THAT SHOWS:

Did you read about the little boy who returned home after his first Sunday School Class? His mother asked, "Who was your teacher?" and the little boy answered, "I don't remember her name, but she must have been Jesus' grandmother because she didn't talk about anyone else."

SERVING APRIL 19

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and Bud Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Pat Mullen and Wayne Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Kelly-SW, M Snouffer-NW, E. Snouffer, B. Grimm

10:45 A.M. D. Miller-SW, K. Ohneck-NW, B. Wiltfong-SE, G. Lantz-NE. M. Hamm, J. Mey, D. Mey, L. Lewis

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, J. Myers

10:45 A.M. W. Westerfield, H. Stevenson, S. Mullen, D. Kreischer

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Bob & Bev Hendricks

10:45 A.M. Sam & Barb Hayes

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

M. Callahan - J. Ohneck

B. Ludwig - D. Knudsen

W. Johnson - R. Krull

D. Keebortz - E. Conrad

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

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Lori Lewis

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Dwain Graham

10:45 A.M. Dick Vanderwall

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LUTHERAN:

M-123 - Mrs. Ruby Mowery

PARKVIEW:

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CHURCH CALENDAR

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7:15 A.M. Easter Breakfast

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 20

9:00 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades K-5th

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

5:30 P.M. Bell Choir

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

12:00 Noon D.M.A. Potluck luncheon and Amtrak presentation

6:30 P.M. Parents' Night Out at Curt & Deb Miller's, 4527 Beaver Avenue

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

8:00 A.M. Care the Share Day

BIRTHDAYS April 25-30

Helen Reynolds (27)

Jessie Fern Woodward (38)

Mildred Hutchinson (30)

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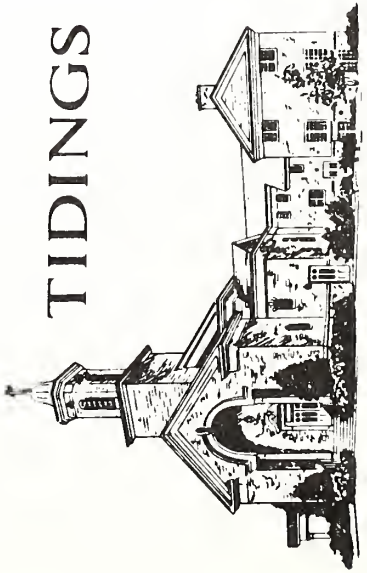

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SINGLES - THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 26!

We'll meet at the church in the parlor at 7:15 p.m. for "It's O.K. To Be Single", a presentation by Barbara Bugg, human development consultant. Come and bring a friend!

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

We will meet at Dick & Judy Mey's, 7414 Old Trail Road, instead of Miller's! Call Judy (747-0664) to see what you can bring! All parents invited.

SHARE THE CARE

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MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

Dr. Hamm will be leading a Marriage Enrichment Seminar on three Wednesday nights, May 6, 13, & 20, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. This is not marriage counseling, really, but a workshop for those who want to improve their understanding and communication.

RSVP by calling the office by May 4. Babysitting provided!

PREMARITAL SEMINAR OFFERED

Dick & Don will offer a Premarital Seminar for those considering marriage, or re-marriage, on Sunday, May 3, 2:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the church. The seminar will feature speakers on communications, finances, legal matters, sex, wedding services, and more.

RSVP by calling the office by April 29. Anyone wishing to be wed by one of our pastors must attend one of these seminars either before or after their wedding - check with them on details of this policy.

CWF CARRY-IN DINNER

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Meat, drinks, & rolls provided. A-L bring salad; M-P-vegetable casserole; Q-Z-dessert.

SPECIAL SPEAKER DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL MAY 3

At 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., all adult Sunday School classes and other interested adults are invited to meet in fellowship hall to hear the Rev. Robert Shaw of our National Benevolent Association. Bob will speak to us about our retirement centers (Emily Flinn, Robin Run, and Kennedy Center here in Indiana) and the work of the NBA.

If you have wondered how one gets into one of these great homes (either for yourself or a parent), what the financial arrangements are, and so forth, this is a grand opportunity.

Come and learn something about what your outreach dollars do! You'll be impressed!

COMMITTEE NIGHT - April 28, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Committee Chairmen Meeting afterwards.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD - Meets Tuesday, April 28, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., at the church.

Congratulations to:
Steve Mullen
Alisha Stover
Adam Hayes
and Mary Fanger, baptized on Easter Sunday!

LILY DONATIONS

Alice Nulf in memory of Robert Nulf;
Evelyn Yeoman in memory of Troy Yeoman;
Mr. & Mrs. Grant Woodward in memory of their daughter, Linday Kirtley;
Kate Cullen;
Jean McGrew;
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hunt;
Mr. & Mrs. John Kelly in memory of their daughter, Kathy Kelly;
Mr. & Mrs. John Kelly in memory of John's father, William H. Kelly.

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE CHOIR CONCERT

Thanks to all who provided housing for our Jarvis students: Churches, Pauleys, Feeleys, Nordbloms, Spencers, the Mildreds, Kerleys, Lantzes, Kampengas, and Ludwigs. Snyders, Meys, Woodwards, Vanderwalls, Donnells, Ripples and Ohnecks also volunteered but were not needed.

Thanks to Judy Mey and Karen Bushey for providing the evening meal.

We collected $400.00 for the school in the freewill offering! About 200 people attended. Thanks to Pat Mullen for publicity.

THANKS

Thank you to Laura York and her committee for truly lovely and inspiring Holy Week Services and events!

ALL CHURCH PICNIC & CAMP OUT

The All Church Camp Out will be from June 12-14 and will be held at the Chain-O-Lakes State Park. If interested, contact Kris Ohneck at 447-2833 (home) or 428-6212 (work), or the church office by May 1.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting on April 26, 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary to briefly consider the following slate of officers for 87-88: MODERATOR: Bill Franklin; VICE-MODERATOR: Liz Johnson; MEMORIAL FUNDS TREASURER: Mike Mullen; BOARD OF ELDERS: Judy Church; BOARD OF DIACONATE: Mindy Hamm; ELDERS: Judy Church, Ralph Church, Dwain Graham, Don Kampenga, John Ohneck; DIACONATE: Kathy Graham, Max Knudsen, Neva Mennewisch, Janet Myers, John Myers, Mike Piatt, Dan Ross, Phyllis Tobias; REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Elder - Ralph Church; Elder - Charles Ludwig; Deacon - Curt Miller; Deacon - Kevin Tobias; Deaconess - Lori Lewis; Congregation at Large - Delores Keebortz.

It is the responsibility of those who nominate candidates from the floor to have discussed previously the qualifications and functions of the office with the people they nominate and to have secured the nominees' consent to serve if elected.

BARBEE WORK DAY

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SCENE FROM FIRST

Fifteen to twenty children searching for eggs -- and winners receiving chocolate Easter Bunnies. But not necessarily the usual kind of winners. Prizes went to the "most generous"! A happy time.....There were 10 little kids in the nursery for the first service Easter Sunday!.....The Jarvis College Choir was extremely well-received Friday night, and the freewill offering to the choir from this congregation was $400.00!.....A fun part of it was hearing members of the Chancel Choir singing quietly along with them on the Hallelujah Chorus.....It was exciting to have former choir members, friends, guests come to the Chancel and join in the Chorus when it closed both services Easter. Gorgeous organ! Wonderful burst of joy!.....Understand Senior Pastor couldn't settle on either bass or tenor part, and according to Associate Pastor sang in between.....A hug and a big welcome to our four newest members by baptism - Mary, Alisha, Adam, and Steve.....Delicious smells from the kitchen all week with preparations for meals.....Activity between services: Dick Vanderwall and Kirk Spencer making trips in search of hooks to secure the banners for 2nd processional. Success, gentleman! - and thank you!.....Will somebody please donate an I.U. T-shirt to Jean McGrew. She's feeling very deprived.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - April 19, 1987

Chub Armstrong, 2713 Fairfield Avenue; Marty Byers, 669 Candlelite Court; Lorie & Mike Krause, 1717 Franklin; Jason Gomez, 1207 Michigan Avenue; Maria VanValkenburg, 809 Third Street; Ron VonGunten, 2923 Sherman; Robert Smith, 317 Alverno Drive; Bob Smith, Indianapolis, IN; Erin Ganter & Family, McKeesville, N.Y.

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

I do not believe in throwing the imprimatur of the pulpit or of my position (such as it is) into partisan politics. No party or ideology can lay claim exclusively to Jesus Christ as its chief advocate, and all equally fall under God's judgement and mercy. I lift up the following not as partisan politics, but as a religious corrective to the not-so-new politico-religious phenomenon.

Recently, one of the televangelists announced support for a fellow televangelist's presidential campaign with this statement: "For the first time in human history, the possibility exists that the hand that is laid on the Bible will be joined to a shoulder, a head, and a heart that are saved by the Lord Jesus Christ and filled with the Holy Spirit." I presume what he means is that, since this candidate is a Christian, not to say a minister, the endorsement and support of all Christians is mandated, for obviously such a man is who God would like to see running the executive branch of our government.

But Mr. Swaggart forgets his history. In 1976 I remember very clearly that Born Again Southern Baptist Democrat Jimmy Carter was widely acclaimed as God's choice for president. Then, in 1980 Mr. Carter evidently fell from grace, for he ran against Republican Ronald Reagan, widely acclaimed in some circles as God's choice for president. Now, someone was being extremely fickle, and I have a hard time believing it was God.

Secondly, according to the book of First Samuel, David (who was, I realize, not "saved by the Lord Jesus Christ," but whom I assume was nonetheless in good standing with God) was specifically selected for the political post of king in ancient Israel. I have read the account of his administration of the kingdom recorded in First and Second Samuel, and I am not impressed, and neither was God. In fact, when the Israelites asked for a king, God warned them through his prophet Samuel that even the best of kings was not going to be so hot (I Samuel 8:10-22). First he tried Saul, then David, and from there the kings of Israel went downhill. I doubt that God wants to sully his reputation by endorsing political candidates again.

And finally, Mr Swaggart may not be aware that a Disciple minister has already laid his hand on the Bible while being sworn into the office of president. The wise and just James A. Garfield, (a Republican) was elected in 1880 and inaugurated March 4, 1881. If we next elect a president in 1988 who is "saved by the Lord Jesus Christ," as a good Disciple I have to say it will not be for the first time.

Shalom!

— Don

SERVING APRIL 26

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and Fred Smell

10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and Bert Leversee

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Smith-SW, D. Strickland-NW, E. Conrad, M. Novachcoff

10:45 A.M. C. Miller-SW, D. Knudsen-NW, D. Graham-SE, M. Busse-NE, L. Stover, R. Stover, K. Taylor, M. Mullen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, M. Thomas

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, S. Mullen, M. Westerfield

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Jeff Young

10:45 A.M.

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ICU - Mr. Richard Polk

778 - Mrs. Ruth Plummer

PARKVIEW:

325 - Mrs. Ruby Boxell

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Congregational Meeting

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

12:00 NOON CWF Carry-In Dinner & Program

5:30 P.M. CYF

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, APRIL 27

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

6:00 P.M. Bread For The World

7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings (Outreach & Service will not meet)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades K-5th

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

5:30 P.M. Bell Choir

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

NOTE: Chi Rho will not meet this Sunday, April 26.

BIRTHDAYS May 1-6

Virginia Brown (2)

Michael Byers (2)

Larry Busse (3)

Inez Petty (3)

Sharon Christoules (4)

Anza Smith (4)

Helen Steigerwald (4)

Ray Stover (4)

Helen Clymore (5)

Lea Jackson (5)

Edna Johnson (5)

Ralph Reynolds (6)

NEEDED: Food Bank Volunteers or substitutes. Call Gini Brown--447-5764, if you can help out.

ECUMENICAL FESTIVAL - MAY 3, 7:00 P.M., FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 2323 FAIRFIELD

Our Chancel Choir, Carillon Choir, and Creative Arts in Worship, will be joining together for this festival of music for worship with other choirs in the area. Please plan to come and support them, and just enjoy!

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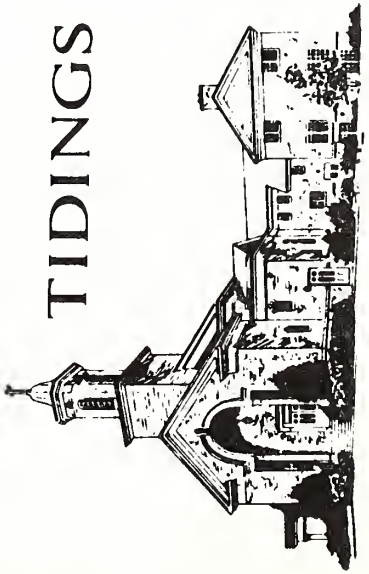

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Denise Hamilton united with our congregation by transfer from Salem, First Christian (Indiana). She lives with her husband Don, and children Christina and Chris at 7033 Strawberry Drive, 46825, phone - 489-1801. Denise is an ordained Disciple minister. Welcome!

DINNERS OF 8 - SURPRISE

"Guess Who is Coming to Dinner"

Mark your calendars for Sunday evening May 31, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. See next week's Tidings to sign up as host or guest. One couple will host and six or eight persons will be guests.

The host family will provide the main dish and beverage, choose a menu, call the list of guests and ask them to supply one dish for the menu.

Only the host family will know the names of guests attending. Others may "Guess Who is Coming to Dinner" until arrival time.

Babysitting will be provided at the church from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

See next week's Tidings. Sign up for an evening of fun and Christian Fellowship.

Mildred Hutchinson for Membership Committee

COMMITTEES NEED MEMBERS

Would you like to get involved with one of our program committees? We will be recruiting members this week, so if you are interested in serving, please call the church office. Committees include: Property, Worship, Christian Education, Stewardship, Evangelism, Membership, Outreach & Service, Personnel, & Lay Personnel.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

Dr. Hamm will be leading a Marriage Enrichment Seminar on three Wednesday nights, May 6, 13, & 20, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. This is not marriage counseling, really, but a workshop for those who want to improve their understanding and communication.

RSVP by calling the office by May 4. Babysitting provided!

SPECIAL SPEAKER DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY, MAY 3

At 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., all adult Sunday School classes and other interested adults are invited to meet in fellowship hall to hear the Rev. Robert Shaw of our National Benevolent Association. Bob will speak to us about our retirement centers (Emily Flinn, Robin Run, and Kennedy Center here in Indiana) and the work of the NBA.

If you have wondered how one gets into one of these great homes (either for yourself or a parent), what the financial arrangements are, and so forth, this is a grand opportunity.

Come and learn something about what your outreach dollars do! You'll be impressed.

ANNUAL PLANNING RETREAT

This year's Retreat will be Saturday, June 6, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. All Committee chairmen & committee members (Property, Stewardship, Outreach & Service, Evangelism, Membership, Christian Education, and Worship). Mark your calendar! This is an essential key to next year's program! Other interested persons are also welcome.

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Call the church office or Eileen Klepfer (747-3077) to RSVP.

NAOMI GROUP

The Naomi Group will meet Thursday, May 7, at 9:30 a.m. with Dorothy Schmidt, 219 W. Sherwood Terrace.

CWF RUMMAGE SALE - MAY 22 & 23

Cleaning house - save your goodies, and donate to the sale. You may put any items you may have in fellowship hall on the stage.

ECUMENICAL FESTIVAL
May 3, 7:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church
2323 Fairfield Avenue

"Sing thankfully to God in your hearts with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs".

Our Chancel Choir, Carillon Choir and Creative Arts in Worship, will be joining together for this festival of music for worship with other choirs in the area.

Massed adults - 6 choirs

Massed ringing - 6 choirs - and several children's choirs.

It promises to be very exciting, and will be a first for our Bells and children. Plan to come and support them, and just enjoy.

NEW OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS - NOTICE!

There will be a two part leadership workshop for you on Tuesdays, May 19 and June 2, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the church. Mark your calendar now for these important events.

SYMPATHY

Lorea Kuhlman's brother, Herbert Sheline, died last week.

BARBEE WORK DAY

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FIRST REACHES OUT!

Sunday at a CWF Sponsored dinner, we heard Campus Minister Margaret McCray-Worrall tell us about her work on our behalf. She works with the seven higher education campuses in Fort Wayne, but especially with IPFW. She ministers to faculty as well as students with counseling and special programs to bring Christian perspective to the education process.

Margaret is an ordained Presbyterian Minister, but she ministers on campuses for several denominations, including ours. We support Campus Ministry at First Christian with a $600.00 gift each year. We can be proud of the work she does on our behalf!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 4-26-87

Linda LeSure, 1104 Elmwood Avenue; Cathy Simon, 7244 Lakeridge.

SOFTBALL NEWS

Our first game will be Tuesday, May 5! We will practice this coming Sunday, May 3, at 2:00 p.m. at Lawton Park, Diamond 1. It's important for all players to be there if possible!

This year's coach is Kirk Spencer and you may call him at home - 486-2440 or at work - 483-2146 to find out more details.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

It's planning time again at First Christian. This is always an exciting time for me as new officers are elected, new committees are appointed, and we do our annual Planning Retreat for the new year. 1987-88 promises to be the best year yet at First Christian (at least since I've been here!). We have "new blood" and new energy to draw on as we look forward, along with deeply committed long-time members. An overview of the planning process looks like this:

April 26 (last Sunday): new officers elected
April 28: new committees begin to be selected
May 19 & June 2: Leadership Workshop for all officers and chairmen
June 6: Planning Retreat, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
June 23: Final Committees Planning, 7:00 p.m.
July: Board review of plans

I'm very proud of our planning process, which has been nationally recognized and published. The "Vision Booklet" is the annual record of our planning process results. I hope you will become personally involved with our planning and program at some point that suits your time and interests.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

SCENE FROM FIRST

Did you know that Claire Walters was a keynote speaker for the Regional CYF Assembly. Others from First Christian who were there are Sara Mullen and Don Wiltfong.....We have been given to understand that Judy Church wants to borrow a battery-operated water pistol from our CYF for use at Board meetings.....We very much enjoyed Barbara Resch as supply organist and will look forward to her return on occasion this summer.....Joann York has become our new babysitter.....Parent's Night Out was a celebration of Dick Mey's birthday on Friday!.....Creative Arts welcomes Chris Hamilton. a neat, new friend. The children enjoyed having their pictures made last week.....All choirs are busy preparing for the Ecumenical Festival this Sunday which will be an exciting first for children and Bells. Chancel Choir has been a part of it for many years.

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REHEARSAL NOTES:

Carillon - Thursday, April 30, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at First Christian Church
Chancel Choir - Thursday, April 30 - 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church
Children - 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 2 at First Baptist Church

Carillon - Saturday, May 2, 1:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church

SERVING MAY 3

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and William Crouse

10:45 A.M. Janet Weicker and Rolland Ripple

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10:45 A.M. S. Englehart-SW, K. Tobias-NW, S. Zimmerman-SE, J. Wagoner-NE. S. Callahan, J. Lindsay, B. Lindsay, C. Falbe

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, E. Kreischer

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Fred & Rychie Smell

10:45 A.M. Edna Vaught

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

B. Franklin - J. Wagoner
Merle Grimm - K. Taylor
W. Johnson - M. Busse
L. York - J. McGrew

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Lindsay's & S. Zimmerman

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOST

Gini Brown

ACOLYTES

Tracy Critell & Alisha Stover

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Come Double Class

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Sam Hayes & Shirley Callahan

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. Sara Mullen

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

211 - Mrs. Almeda Rice

PARKVIEW:

514 - Mrs. Ethel King

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 3

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
2:30 P.M. Premarital Seminar
4:00 P.M. Chi Rho
5:30 P.M. CYF
7:00 P.M. Ecumenical Festival at First Baptist Church

MONDAY, MAY 4

9:00 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MAY 5

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades K-5th
6:30 P.M. Marriage Enrichment Seminar

THURSDAY, MAY 7

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Dorothy Schmidt's, 219 W. Sherwood Terrace
5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS MAY 7-13

Dave Arnos (7)
Troy Pratt (7)
William Branstrator (8)
Jackie Keller (8)
Dick Vanderwall (8)
Irene Wooldridge (8)
Dan Dickey (10)
Jo Franklin (10)
Burl Feltenberger (12)
John Hechler (12)
Mildred Tharp (12)
Gail Westerfield (12)
Bernice Schnobel (13)

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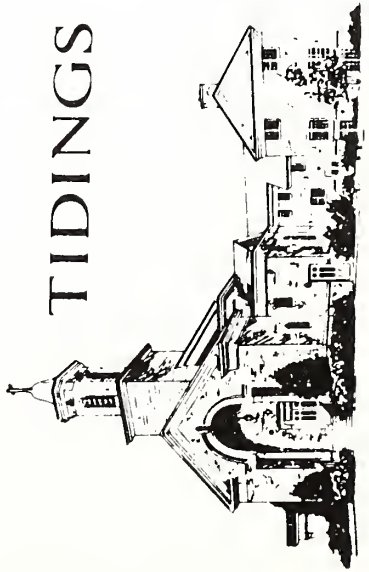

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Welcome Maria!

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP RETREAT

June 27-28, Franklin College (Franklin, IN). Keynoter: Sister Teresa Mount. Workshops will include: Spiritual Life, The Holy Spirit, Removing the Roadblocks to Bible Study, Clown Ministry, Family Life, The Aging Parent, Teenage Children and Adults Talk, Community and Global Concerns, Women in Leadership, What's Ahead for the Women's Organization?, Conflict in the Local Church.

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PLANNING RETREAT, JUNE 6, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. AT THE CHURCH

For all committee members including Worship, Christian Education, Outreach & Service, Evangelism, Membership, Stewardship, Lay Personnel, Property, (not including Finance and Personnel).

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Area I Sring Workshop
Saturday, May 16, 1987
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
West Creighton Christian Church
Call: Church office or Bobbi Lindsay

BARBEE WORK DAY

On Saturday, May 16, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., we are invited to Barbee Christian Camp to help spruce up the place and get it ready for our summer camp and conference program. Please RSVP your intent to help in this way by calling the church office (744-3239).

HELP WANTED

A family is seeking a live-in cook to prepare two meals a day. If interested, please contact Dick Hamm.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP - FOR ALL OFFICERS, CHAIRS

Tuesdays, May 19 and June 2, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., babysitting by request. Officers and chairs are expected to be present, deacons and elders included, plus any others in the congregation who wish to come.

BULLETINS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN AGES 4-12 EACH SUNDAY

Children's Worship Bulletins are available for children ages 7-12, and a Bible Beginner Activity Bulletin is available for children ages 4-7. Just ask an usher to give you either one of these bulletins.

SCENE FROM FIRST

Eric Zimmerman, home from Eureka, singing tenor again with the choir!.....Walter Bowen and Betty Harter from coffee hour donating all the leftover cookies to the reception at First Baptist after the Ecumenical Festival - thank you!.....The wonderful wreaths with butterflies, symbols of the resurrection, on the walls of the sanctuary, and more colorful flowers in front of the communion table.....Only 3 for softball practice?!.....All of our choirs participating in the Ecumenical Festival, and heavy labor from our ringers who hauled tables, foam, covers, bells, gloves, music from First Christian to First Baptist and back again - Jack, Mike, Steve, Lois, Dave, Jane, and Joe, Judy, Rhonda, Debbie, and Eric.....Jerry accompanying children and adults with singular devotion.....Max in charge of cookie transport.....Judy Mey's wonderful embroidery for strips on banner going to Germany representing First Christian, and Christian Church, Disciples of Christ.....Please, Dick Mey, - care for your knee!.....Children excited about boats and rainbows.....Welcome to Maria VanValkenburg.....and if you didn't know that the spirit of God can bring muscle and sinew to dry, brittle bones, now you do!

DINNERS OF 8 - "GUESS WHO IS COMING TO DINNER" - SUNDAY, MAY 31, 1987, 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.

You are invited to HOST or be a Guest at a Sunday evening dinner, supper, cookout or picnic depending upon decision of the host! One couple hosts and six or eight persons attend.

The host family will provide the main dish and beverage, choose a menu, call the list of guests and ask them to supply one dish.

Only the hosts will be given a guest list. Others may continue to "Guess Who is Coming to Dinner".

Babysitting will be provided at the church from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Reservations must be made in advance using the registration form below.

All who wish to participate are invited. It should be a "fun" evening of good fellowship.

Complete the form. Return it to the church no later than Sunday, May 17, or call the church office at 744-3239 or Mildred Hutchinson at 745-1944.

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DINNERS OF 8
GUESS WHO IS COMING TO DINNER
SUNDAY, MAY 31, 1987

____________________________________ (Name) __________________ (Phone)

I/We want to be GUEST HOST for Guess Who Is Coming to Dinner.

I/We have need for the babysitting service at the Church. YES NO

Number and ages of children____________________________________

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

We'll have a special treat this Sunday! The Creative Arts in Worship Choir will in second service present an abbreviated version of "100% Chance of Rain", a musical. My sermon will follow the theme and is entitled "The Church As Ark". The service will otherwise be abbreviated to keep within the usual time frame. First Service will be as usual.

We had a good presentation from The Rev. Bob Shaw of the National Benevolent Association Sunday. If you wise to follow up with questions or a visit to Robin Run, you may reach him at 317-293-5500.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Have you returned your talent survey yet? Everyone received two so we could mail them by bulk permit. If you need more, we have them. Please mail yours this week or bring to worship!

Women, note the June 27-28 CWF Retreat - Sister Teresa Mount is an excellent leader in spiritual growth.

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

An Explorer Scout post in Connecticut is credited with saving many lives when they have responded to emergency situations. One woman sent the post a letter thanking them for saving her husbands life--and enclosed fifty cents!

I suppose there are many ways to compute the economic value of a person. The legal system seems to rely on an individual's earning potential. You have probably seen the list of chemicals which are contained in a human body and their worth on the open market, something around two dollars. Or the cost of raising a child to age 18, something around fifty thousand dollars. Or one can take one's outstanding debts, subtract them from the value of one's assets, and figure out his or her net worth.

Or we could take another point of view. How many years of wrestling with creation has it taken God to be able to come up with that unique combination of attributes and quirks which make up a human being? As I look around I find such a wide variety of people, such a variety of beauty, humor, poignancy, passion, and joyfulness, that human life tends to remind me of art. Since Vincent VanGogh's painting, "Sunflowers," has just sold for thirty nine million dollars, I'm of the opinion that the Connecticut Explorer Scout post was short changed.

Shalom! - Stan

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 5-3-87

Heddy Bullerman, 2502 Pleasant Avenue; Jan Steiner, 3940 S. Harrison Street; Gladys Palmer, Warsaw, IN; Mr. Glenn Basham; Sue Scott.

SOFTBALL NEWS

If you are interested in playing softball this year, please contact Kirk Spencer at 486-2440 (home) or 483-2146 (work) to find out more details.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet on Tuesday, May 12, 7:30 p.m.

SERVING MAY 10

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Laura York and Merle Grimm

10:45 A.M. Bill Franklin and Don Parlette

DIACONATE & GREETERS

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USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, Jt. Myers

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, D. Kreischer, M. Westerfield

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Sarah Smith

10:45 A.M. Jean & Charles McGrew

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M. Hamm & D. Miller

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Gini Brown

ACOLYTES

Steve Mullen & David Hamm

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Westerfield's & Shirley Dibble

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

NO EXTENDED SESSION

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Diane Mory

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

Anita Fitch

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 10

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

4:00 P.M. Chi Rho

5:30 P.M. CYF

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, MAY 11

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MAY 12

12:45 P.M. Rachel Group at church

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades K-5th

6:30 P.M. Marriage Enrichment Seminar

THURSDAY, MAY 14

5:30 P.M. Bell Choir

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, MAY 16

9:00 A.M. First Christian Open at Foster Park

9:00 A.M. Barbee Work Day

9:00 A.M. CWF Area I Spring Workshop at West Creighton Church

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BIRTHDAYS May 14-20

Deloris Anspach (15)

Earl Fusselman (15)

Mary Mullins (15)

Marta Zoller (15)

Lila Russell (15)

John Myers (16)

Jane Vanderwall (16)

David Hamm (16)

Sam Hayes (17)

Carolyn Webster (17)

Shannon Jones (18)

Dan Ross (18)

Art Thomas (18)

Beth Wiltfong (18)

Shirley Howell (19)

Evelyn Kanczuzewski (19)

Earl Snouffer (19)

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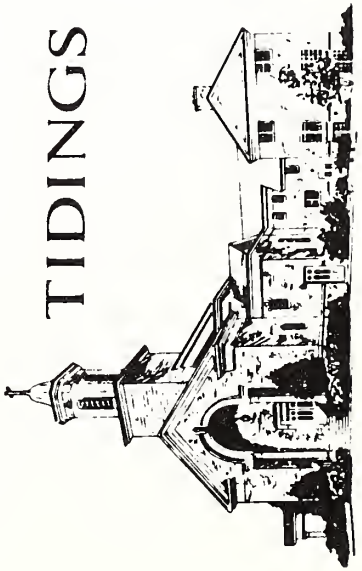

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Dick & Mary Ashton came forward Sunday: Dick by confession, Mary by transfer. They live at 4109 Winterfield Run 46804, phone - 436-0153. We welcome you Dick & Mary.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP - NOTE CHANGE!

We are compacting this workshop into one evening instead of two! It will be Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Babysitting provided upon request. 1987-88 Officers, Chairs, Deacons, & Elders are expected, all members are welcome. RSVP regrets only.

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CHOIR SUNDAY - THIS SUNDAY, MAY 17

On this Sunday, May 17, at both services, the Chancel Choir will bring to the congregation favorite anthems from its repertoire in the 1986-1987 "season". Included with each anthem is the scripture which was used as sermon text on the Sunday the anthem was sung. Perhaps it is not out of order for a choir to "enjoy the bread". And so we invite the congregation and friends to worship Sunday through the choices made by choir members of the most meaningful of the music of the year.

The Carillon will also celebrate its season with a couple of its choices -- and perhaps a surprise or two. Please join us for worship Sunday!

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SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

May 19.....6:35 p.m - McMillen #4
May 26.....8:15 p.m. - Franke
June 2.....5:25 p.m. - Tillman #3
June 9.....8:15 p.m. - Franke
June 16.....6:35 p.m. - Tillman #3
June 23.....8:15 p.m. - Franke
June 30.....7:00 p.m. - Franke
July 7.....8:15 p.m. - Franke
July 14.....5:45 p.m. - Franke

THANK YOU'S

Many thanks to Dorothy Schmidt for her dedicated volunteer work on the mailing of the Tidings. Kate Cullen has volunteered to replace Dorothy.

I wish to thank Dick, Don, and Helen for their visits while I was in the hospital.
Ruby Mowery

REMINDER

Have you signed up for Dinners of 8. Where Kris Ohneck says she has never had a bad dinner yet!

HELP THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER

Do you use "Prince" products? If so, save your proofs of purchase (UPC codes) for the Senior Citizens Center. They can exchange them for various needed equipment. Please give them to the church office and we'll pass them on. They'll collect until August 31.

FIRST REACHES OUT!

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Division of Institutional Advancement and Planning

Hawkins, Texas 75765

Telephone (214) 769-2174 — Extension 219 or 116

Dr. Richard L. Hamm
First Christian Church
4800 S. Calhoun St.
Fort Wayne, IN 46807

Dear Dr. Hamm:

The Jarvis Christian College Concert Choir has now returned to campus safely. Thank you very much for hosting the group during their visit to your city.

We feel the tour was a significant educational experience for our students, and trust they made friends for Jarvis and themselves as we mark the occasion of our DIAMOND JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY.

Please convey to your congregation our sincere appreciation for all that was done to make the visit a success.

Sincerely yours,

John H. Chadwell

John H. Chadwell, Director, Administrative Services, College Relations, and Planning

Caring Disciples...

NBA

Yesterday and Tomorrow!

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Disciples' caring ministry through the National Benevolent Association. Let us join Disciples' congregations around the United States and Canada in celebrating this vital outreach ministry to children and youth, developmentally-disabled persons and older adults.

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AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 5-10-87

Matt Wagoner, 8006 Casa Grande; Mr. & mrs. Wallace Healey, 1603 Romane Court; Donna Cagnice-Chisholm, 809 Third Street; Mr. & Mrs. W.W. Cook, Gloucester, MA; Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Simmons, Dublin, IN; Chris & Kasey Harter; Mr. & mrs. Claude Linn, Paulding, OH; Mr. & Mrs. George Flint, Paulding OH; Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Fishbaugh, Bluffton, IN.

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Nickname:_____ Date of Birth:_____ Grade Next Fall:_____

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Address:_____

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USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, J. Proegler

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, J. Byers, E. Kreischer

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Ethel Shroyer

10:45 A.M. Sue & Larry Brey

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

M. Hartman - M. Novachcoff
L. Johnson - L. Lewis
D. Keebortz - B. Lindsay
P. Mullen - J. Kelly

COMMUNION PREPARATION

M. Hamm & D. Miller

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOSTS

Gini Brown

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COFFEE HOUR HOST

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FRIDAY, MAY 22 & SATURDAY, MAY 23

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Amy Hayes (21)
Robert Hendricks (21)
Bernard Ashe (21)
Edwin Day (22)
Jennifer Byers (23)
Robert Cliff (23)
Jay Bixerman (23)
Virginia Bruckman (25)
Donald Smith (25)
Kristen Byers (26)
Kenneth Hunt (26)
Rhonda Lantz (26)
Harold Nordblom (26)

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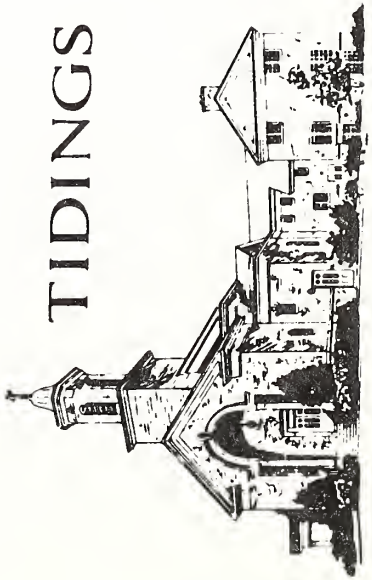

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1986-87 Committees meet for the last time on Tuesday, May 26, 7:00 p.m.

C.W.F. WORKSHOP NEWS

Several of our women attended the 1987 Spring C.W.F. Spring Workshop at West Creighton Christian Church last Saturday. These included: Sue Brey, Service Workshop Leader and Usher; Janet Weicker, Worship Leader Assisted by Mildred Hartman and Linda Stover; Gini Brown (ask her about her wrinkles) and Bobbi Lindsay, Skit; Kris Ohneck, Regional Retreat Skit; and Betty Grimm, Usher. Also attending from First were: Dorothy Overmyer and Sarah Smith. It was a successful day of worship, fellowship, and learning, and Mindy Hamm, coordinator of the event, wishes to thank all who participated.

CLINE ANNIVERSARY

The Cline's children are putting together a surprise (Harold & Ruby will not receive this issue of Tidings) for their 35th anniversary, on May 31. If you have pictures, a card, or a letter you'd like to share, please send it to Sally Cline-Beerman, 10770 W. Marlowe Drive, Littleton, Colorado 80127.

(Harold was pastor of First Christian from 1971-81).

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Maxine Gordon, 4538 S. Calhoun Street; Mr. & Mrs. Mike Richard, 3939 S. Barr Street; Ford Burnau, 7541 Beaty.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Several weeks ago, I attended a meeting at Christian Theological Seminary called a "Disciples Identity Conference: Reappraising the Disciples Tradition for the 21st Century." Now, you may be surprised to learn that we Disciples have something of an identity crisis, but it's nothing new. When you have a denomination that is structured apart from any body of doctrine or dogma, apart from any creeds, apart even for a legal constitution, you're going to have a denomination that is constantly seeking to understand itself better and to clarify its mission. 550 people were present for the discussion.

In addition to keynote presentations, the participants in the conference were dividied into eight working groups who spent more than ten hours in discussing their particular areas of interest and concluded by the drafting of a statement paper on their particular subject. Issue/subject areas covered included: Ministry, Worship, Authority, Evangelism, Congregational Life and Discipline, Structure, Global Mission and Social Transformation. Each participant was given three background papers on their particular area to read prior to arrival in Indianapolis. The process was sometimes frustrating, but the input was excellent and the closing papers/statements shared by the working groups were very creative and helpful.

Next time, I'll share a bit of the insight I gained from the Conference.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. My sermon Sunday is based on I Peter 2:9-10, and is entitled "On Worth".

SCENE FROM FIRST

Comment from member of congregation on Sunday about choir service: "My, you really have some mischief-makers in these groups, don't you?" Yes, indeed! There is a philosophical thread running through the groups that insists on cutting loose once in a while and not always being so serious! There's much joy in Christianity!.....We regret that David Hamm's feet look like lobsters! -- and on his birthday yet.....Eric Mory very excited about going to Stratford, and visiting with Shakespeare.....When 100% Chance of Rain spoke of an Ark big enough to float a zoo, our children made it real. The choir room at one point was so full of animals that it really was a zoo.....Pastors in T-shirts -- wonderful -- so much a part of all that the children were teaching us..... Congratulations to Dick and Jack and Bobbi and David for a stunning golfing score, and one more trophy for John to dust!.....Mildred Hartman going on "homebound" twice on Sunday morning.....David Orr commanding the powers-that-be: "We need a practice room for bells on the main floor!" We forgot to tell you, Dave, that ringers are also "beasts of burden" on occasion.

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

Having a changable yard sign is super. But we have to be careful about the messages we put up. It is easy to put up a message you don't want to say, like the church whose sign read, "Don't Let Worry Kill You. Let the Church Help."

Maybe the truth leaks in around the edges of such mistakes! The more involved one becomes in the life of a congregation, the more one realizes that a church is a human organization. Sometimes a church does seem more than willing to help worry and aggravation kill us!

Ah, but then there times when, in a hug, or a greeting card, or in the middle of a worship service, or when a congregation undertakes a significant project, we can see that the Church has another side to it--a divine side. As Paul tells us, the Church is the body of Christ, his continued embodiment in the world. It is not perfect, but it is often very effective in spite of itself!

Shalom! - Don

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8:15 A.M. Janet Weicker and Mildred Hartman

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MONDAY, MAY 25

OFFICE CLOSED - MEMORIAL DAY

TUESDAY, MAY 26

6:00 P.M. Bread For The World

7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings

8:15 P.M. Softball Game at Franke

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

6:15 P.M. C.W.F. Magic Show

FRIDAY, MAY 29

12:00 NOON D.M.A. out to lunch (MCL at Southtown) then back to the church for a "Hobby Faire".

BIRTHDAYS May 28-June 3

Gene Klepfer (28)

Pat Mullen (28)

Genie Slick (28)

Chloe Conner (29)

Carolyn Gardner (29)

Jo Roseberry (30)

Mike McFarland (1)

Art Chevalier (1)

Necia Stucker (3)

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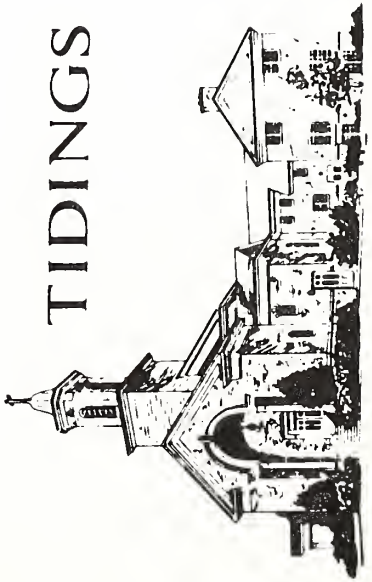

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We welcome you to your new church home!

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ITEMS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Please save these items and bring to Fellowship Hall and put in box: paper grocery bags, egg cartons (paper & styrofoam), foam trays from meat, paper towel cardboard tubes, quart size milk/juice cartons (need 40), ½ gallon milk/juice cartons (need 20), and large refrigerator box. Thank you.

ALL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

A meeting is scheduled for all volunteers for this year's Vacation Bible School on Wednesday, June 3 at 9:30 a.m. Please come. Babysitting provided.

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CWF RUMMAGE SALE GREAT SUCCESS

The CWF raised over $800.00 for outreach through their Rummage Sale. Thanks to Bobbi Lindsay and all the CWF members who helped, and to all the members of the congregation who contributed rummage!

The flowers Sunday were given by Mr. & Mrs. Don Smith in memory of his daughter.

COFFEE HOUR PEOPLE NEEDED

Hosts & hostesses are needed for the summer months. Sign up in fellowship hall. Thanks!

SINGLES!

Our group (to which all singles are invited) will hitch-hike on the church picnic at Chain O' Lakes on Saturday, June 13. We will gather for the picnic (bring something good to eat and to share) at 11:00 a.m. at a designated shelter. Afterwards, we will enjoy the facilities at the Park (swimming, canoeing) and we will meet to plan the new year's program.

Come and bring your swimming suit, your suntan oil, your food, and your rubber duck!

CONCERNS & JOYS

Tim Burchill, son-in law of Bud and Mary Sue Ludwig, will be ordained in the United Methodist Church May 31. Tim & Sue Ann will live and serve in Muncie.

The family of Shannon Jones invites the congregation to a graduation reception for her at 5:30 p.m., at the Creagers' (3324 Sequayah Pass), this Saturday, May 30.

ATTENTION DIACONATE MEMBERS

The diaconate serving schedule for July through December 1987 will be made soon. If you are aware of some Sundays you will not be able to serve, please contact Minday Hamm (745-4536 or the church office on or before Sunday.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

In the Disciple Identity Conference I was telling you about, there were several insights I found very helpful.

-We need to reaffirm our commitment to being a Church which seeks to base its life on the Scriptures and yet which recognizes the complexities of interpretation and takes seriously scholarship and experience.

-We need to reaffirm our tradition of ecumenism, which has been an important force in American Christianity and, through the mission field of the 19th & 20th centuries, throughout world Christianity.

-We need to reaffirm the freedom and diversity within our tradition while seeking to strengthen the sense of responsibility and covenant we have with one another.

There were also more specific insights galore which I found very helpful.

It seems to me that if we could do a better job of making ourselves known to the unchurched public, people would "beat a path to our door", as we offer so much of what Americans are looking for: freedom, diversity, a serious spirituality, an approach to Scripture which takes it seriously, and a democratic polity.

"Making ourselves known" can mean media campaigns of various kinds, but first, and most importantly, it means each member inviting others to worship and "talking up" the Church! Studies show that most new members of churches come because of invitation from someone already a member.

May God bless us as we struggle to clarify who and what we are, and as we seek to share that with the world.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

SCENE FROM FIRST

Twenty children in blue t-shirts with rainbows on them singing at Lawton Park Nursing Center, and crawling all over McDonald's afterward.....Animals from the Ark still orphaned in the choir room.....Softball team winning handsomely, Ray Stover pitching.....It might be fun to know why Larry Strickland prefers Mabel Watson's nametag to his own.....CWF clearing $800.00 on the Rummage Sale - with lots of hard work and many hours.....Chancel Choir bursting with pleasure because Rose Ann Gaskill joined the church!.....Laura York and Worship Committee furnishing punch and cookies for children and their parents after last session of Creative Arts.....Moans and groans from youth because of a new door - sorry group, no playing pool during worship!.....Heartfelt thanks to Sunday School teachers who faithfully guide our children and youth, as recognized in service yesterday. Much appreciation also to our teachers of adults, as those "who carry the burden in the heat of the day", and who need sustenance also - Thank you, one and all!.....Did you know that we now have five ordained ministers in our congregation other than staff? There's just something very special and attractive about First Christian!

NEWS OF OUR "TIMOTHYS"

Eric Zimmerman was home this weekend. He has finished his second year at Eureka College. He has passed the "Nurture & Certification" process in Illinois to the point of being licensed to preach pending his having a church to do it in, and he is now in conversation with a congregation. He will go on to seminary after he finishes at Eureka. Eureka is a four-year liberal arts college founded and supported by we Disciples.

Andrea Leininger, ("Andy"), is completing her work at Christian Theological Seminary and plans to be ordained here at First Christian sometime next year, hopefully. She is working on the staff of Third Christian Church of Indianapolis, but living in Brownsburg.

We remember these folks as they prepare themselves for full-time ministry.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 5-24-87

Glenna Chandler, 907 E. Lawn Drive; Mrs. Luanne K. Root, 10333 Riverwood; Mrs. Carol Funkhouser, Sebastian, FL; Mr. Merl Cordier, Ohio; Scott Mullins, Pittsburgh, PA.

SERVING MAY 31

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and William Crouse

10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and Gene Klepfer

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GREETERS

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L. York - B. Grimm

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5:30 P.M. CYF

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MONDAY, JUNE 1

9:00 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

11:30 A.M. Rebeca Group

5:25 P.M. Softball Game at Tillman #3

7:00 P.M. Capital Funds Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

9:30 A.M. Vacation Bible School Volunteers Meeting

1:00 P.M. Rachel Group at Casa de'Angelos

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

9:00 A.M. Planning Retreat

BIRTHDAYS June 4-10

Dave Rinker (5)

Ralph Church (6)

Terry Walters (6)

Stan Cole (7)

Virginia Snouffer (7)

Stephan Taulbee (7)

Pat Spangle (8)

Ron Kiger (8)

Virginia Englehart (9)

Jane Harts (9)

Clarence Hetrick (9)

Irene Kissinger (9)

Don Oden (9)

Chad Cline (9)

Bill Howard (10)

David Johnston (10)

Sally Cotton (10)

YOU'RE INVITED - The Fort Wayne Children's Choir (of which Jim Davis from our congregation is a part of) will be performing at the Performing Arts Center Auditorium on June 2, 7:00 p.m. Sara Davis is the

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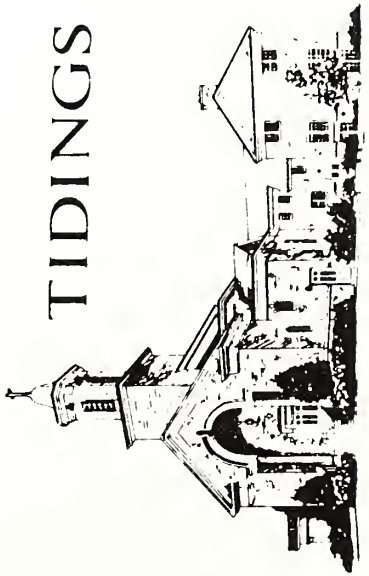

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COFFEE HOUR PEOPLE NEEDED

Hosts and hostesses are needed for the summer months. Sign up in fellowship hall. Thanks!

ATTENTION DIACONATE MEMBERS

The diaconate serving schedule for July through December 1987 will be made soon. If you are aware of some Sundays you will not be able to serve, please contact Mindy Hamm at 745-4536 as soon as possible!

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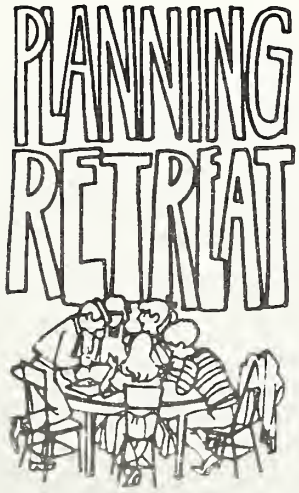
BOARD meets Tuesday, June 9, 7:30 p.m.



PLANNING RETREAT, JUNE 6, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. AT THE CHURCH

For all committee members including Worship, Christian Education, Outreach & Service, Evangelism, Membership, Stewardship, Lay Personnel, Property, (not including Finance and Personnel).

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July 14.....5:45 p.m. - Franke

Camp News

HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING ABOUT GOING TO CAMP OR CONFERENCE?

If you are a young person 4th - 12th grades, we need your registration now! A special commissioning service will take place in worship on June 21, and we want to include you! You can get a form by calling the church office. Half scholarships are provided if you act now!

If you are an adult and have thought about giving a week to being a camp or conference counselor, please call the church office for more information.

Together in Mission Pentecost 1987

The Pentecost offering is one of four special days observed by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Our participation in these offerings supports the regional, educational and world work of the Disciples.

BAPTISM PLANNED

There will be a baptismal service in worship on June 7. If you have been thinking about being baptized, this is an excellent opportunity. Call Dick Hamm for more information and counsel.

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Bring your family and friends, and let's celebrate!

THANK YOU

I would like to thank Dick & Don for their much appreciated visits while I was in Lutheran Hospital; also a thank you for all the personal calls and many cards.

Almeda Rice

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Well, this is the big week! The Planning Retreat is this Saturday, June 6. This is a stressful, tiring, but exciting day for me as committees sit down and design the new year's program. There are some particularly exciting ideas afloat this year! I hope as near 100% as possible of all committee members are present (Worship, Christian Education, Membership, Evangelism, Lay Personnel, Stewardship, Outreach & Service, Property). If you are not a member of one of these committees, but would like to take part, come and sit in with one of the groups. They'd be glad to have your input! Babysitting will be provided!

I'm also enthused about Sunday, which is Pentecost. My sermon is entitled, "How's Your Spiritual Life?" I think you'll find it stimulating -- as I've worked on it, the keys on my word processor have tended to smoke a bit!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

NEWS OF GRADUATES

Eric Mory graduated from Wayne High School. He plans to enter Indiana State in the fall.

Julie Briggs graduated from Rensselaer High School and plans to enter Business College in the fall in Indianapolis.

Gail Westerfield graduated magna cum laude from Transylvania University. She also received the Delcamp Writing Award for Drama (second time!). Her major is english. She'll stay in Lexington to work for now.

Bev Hudlow received her degree from IVY TECH. She is a respiratory therapist.

Cathy Kelly was granted her degree with honors, posthumously, from IVY TECH. John and Brenda received the degree on her behalf amid a standing ovation. Dick Hamm was present to offer the invocation and benediction.

If you have news of other graduates, please call the church office!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 5-31-87

Franklin L. Allen, 7390-B Mill Run Drive.

FIRST REACHES OUT!

Dear Friends:

We have received your gift to the Associated Churches Food Bank System. This comes at a time when helping the unemployed and poor with their emergency food nees is of vital importance.

In six years the twenty-three food banks have seen over 325 volunteers distribute 2,140,236 meals with an estimated value of over one million seven hundred thousand dollars. Donations by concerned and caring people of the community, as well as a small government grant, have kept this mission alive and growing.

There is much that still remains to be done. New families who are unable to meet their emergency needs continue to come to us for assistance. Jesus said, "...For I was hungry and you fed me; ...When you helped these my brothers, you were helping me."

We thank you for your gift and your continued support is very much appreciated.

Blessings and peace,

Melvin R. Phillips
Executive Minister

SERVING JUNE 7

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm and Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and Bill Franklin

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Kelly-SW, S. Smith-NW, B. Grimm, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. M. Busse-SW, L. Lewis-NW, L. Stover-SE, R. Stover-NE, M. Mullen, K. Taylor, C. Miller, D. Knudsen

USHERS

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4:00 P.M. Chi Rho

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JUNE 8

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

12:00 NOON Fellowship Guild at the Mildred's, 422 W. Oakdale Drive for a salad luncheon

6:30 P.M. Finance Committee Meeting

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

8:15 P.M. Softball Game at Franke

FRIDAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 12-14

ALL CHURCH CAMP OUT AT CHAIN O' LAKES

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

10:00 A.M. All Church Picnic at Chain O' Lakes

BIRTHDAYS JUNE 11-17

Bev Hendricks (12)

Jody Brown (12)

Susan Thompson (13)

Michael Watson (14)

Mike Stow (14)

Vee Parlette (15)

Douglas Allen (15)

Clinton Crowe (15)

Mary King (16)

Laura McFarland (16)

Jo Weyer (16)

Andy Cook (17)

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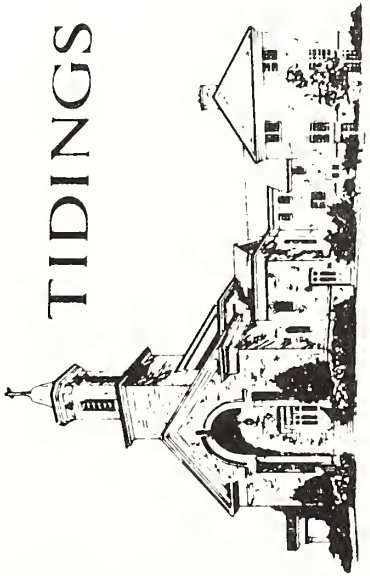

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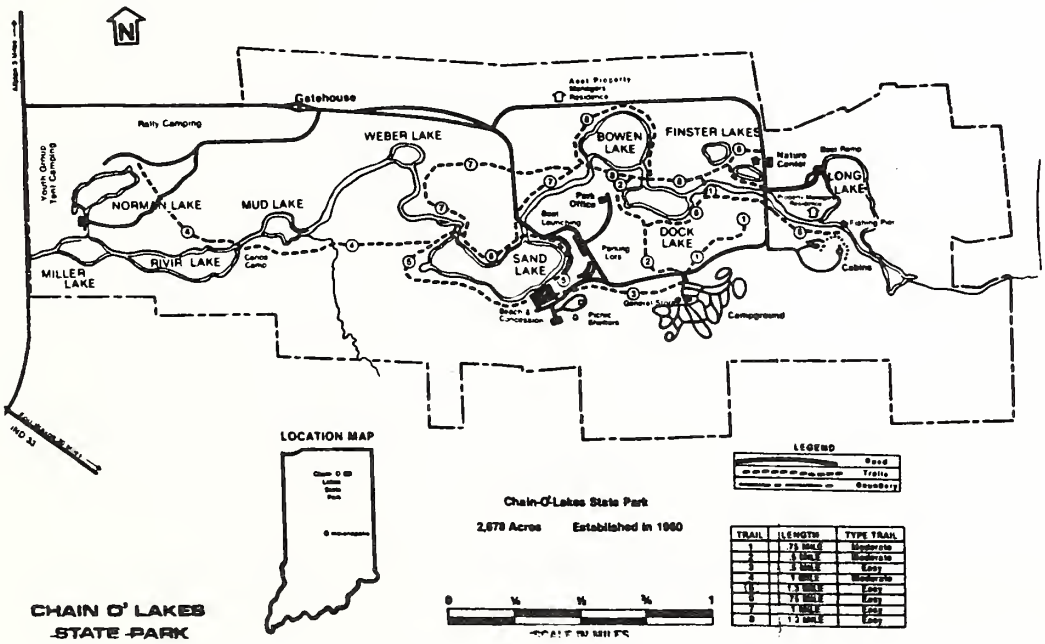

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PLEASE NOTE: A brief meeting is scheduled after 2nd service on June 14 for all V.B.S. volunteers who need to pick up schedules, craft information, etc.

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The Kelly's gave Dick Hamm a T-shirt that he has long desired - ask Dick what it says on the front!.....Our emissaries for peace, the Festival Choir, are in Eastern Europe as you read this!.....Eight families are going on the Church Camp Out this weekend!.....Even when Judy Church had people sign their order for lunch at the Planning Retreat, she still ended up short on beverages! She's giving up on perfection in food service!.....Seems our copier doesn't like Sherry Lytle!

NEWS OF GRADUATES

Lisa Fanger graduated from South Side High School. She will attend college this fall at Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Michigan.

SYMPATHY

Florence Hagan died Thursday. Her funeral was Saturday, June 6, Dr. Hamm presiding. Our prayers are for her sons Thomas and David.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I was very pleased with the turn out and the hard work at the Planning Conference Saturday! Our committee's continue to grow in their creativity. A preliminary look at plans suggests some exciting things in the new year!

The elevator is now in as far as the mechanical aspects go. However, the finishing work (framing, walls, etc.) is yet to be completed. This is a whole different work crew, of course, so we have to wait till we can get onto their schedule....but it shouldn't be too long. The Capital Campaign Committee is hoping for a dedication of the elevator on July 12.

By the way, the Committee asked me to remind everyone.....we are now completing the first year of our campaign, which means most of us should be one-third or so completed with our three year pledges (time flies!).

I hope you are enjoying these beautiful summer days! What a spring this has been!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday's sermon is "Coping With Change". Change comes to all of us, constantly. How do you handle it?

SPECIAL EDITION OF PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

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Call Linda Stover (745-0252) to RSVP.

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

In 1983 I ran across a striking advertisement in the New York Times. In large type it read: "GOVERNMENTS INVITED TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS." It went on to describe how the World Government of the Age of Enlightenment, founded by His Holiness Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, was willing to contract with any government of the world to solve all its problems: "...the individual will enjoy freedom from problems and suffering; every nation will enjoy integrated national consciousness, cultural integrity, self-sufficiency, and invincibility; and the whole family of nations will enjoy permanent world peace."

I applaud the Maharishi's ability to think big. Most of us would like to see "permanent world peace," but not many claim the ability to deliver it!

But there is a greater flaw than grandioseness in this advertised promise of paradise. It is not possible to live in meaningful contact and relationship without conflict. The opposite of relationship is not conflict but withdrawal and isolation! Peace is the negotiated state of satisfactory tension between your interests and mine. Peace is not the homogeneous pablum of head-nodding agreement on which His Holiness wishes to spoon feed the world. It is how you and I, and governments and cultures, work the tensions which exist between us from destructive one-sided imbalance to more constructive, mutually beneficial tension. (This is one of the universal truths of a satisfying marriage. I always suspect that those couples who claim they never fight lack the closeness fighting requires!)

Don

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 6-7-87

Ed & Sue Allen, 6213 E. 10th Street Court, Wichita, Kansas.

SERVING JUNE 14

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Sam Hayes and Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and Eilene Klepfer

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Fern Kenline (18)
Bernice Montgomery (18)
Gloria Horine (19)
Don Parlette (19)
Bill Schilling (19)
Esther Whitton (19)
Robert Coleman (19)
Joan Penny (20)
Roxy Wunderlich (20)
Orie McDougle (21)
Norma Sterling (21)
Mary Ashton (21)
Henry Flowers (23)
Shari Hensch (23)
Terri Pfenning (23)
Kurt Schryver (23)
Jack Weicker (23)
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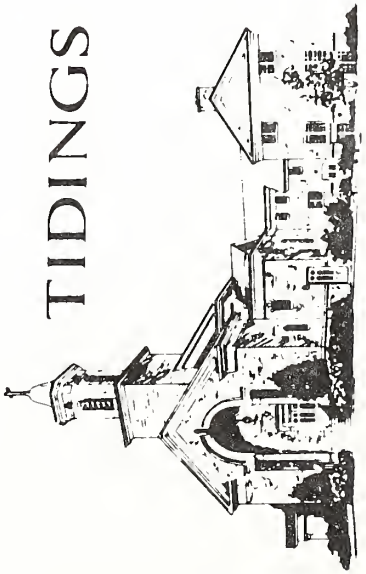

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THE NEW PROGRAM COMMITTEES (Evangelism, Worship, Christian Education, Stewardship, Property, Membership,) will meet to finalize 1987-88 plans on Tuesday, June 23, at 7:00 p.m. Outreach & Service will meet on Tuesday, June 30, 7:00 p.m. instead of June 23. Lay Personnel will not meet in June at all!

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE will meet Saturday, June 20, 9:00 a.m., at the church.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD - meets Tuesday, June 23, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., at the church.

ELDERS - There will be a meeting of all Elders on Tuesday, June 30, 7:00 p.m

Receiving "The Disciple" magazine is like receiving a letter from the family, the family of Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) members.

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HOW ARE WE DOING FINANCIALLY?

There's good news and bad news! First, the good news:

This congregation is supporting the regular operational budget and an over and above capital budget! The capital funds are coming in very well and work is proceeding apace. Our members are dedicated stewards.

Now, the not so good news:

We started the year with a $6,000.00 deficit, and we have not taken care of that yet. Also, we have fallen $1,500.00 behind on this year's operational budget, leaving a total deficit of $7,500.00. The sky is not falling, but there are a few cracks in the ceiling!

If you have been considering an over and above gift to the church, this would be a good time (mark your check "deficit"). If you are giving what you are able, please remember that during the summer it is important to mail or drop your gift by even when you are out of town on Sundays. The church's work and expenses go on year round.

Thank you for your dedication to the canoe of Christ through First Christian Church.

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May 28, 1987

First Christian Church
4800 South Calhoun Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46807

Dear Friends:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your check of May 26, 1987, in the amount of $562.50 for New Church Development. This makes a total received to date of $1,125.00.

This is in addition to your special gift of $8,500 for the Fort Wayne Church.

Your support is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Morris

Morris Finch
Associate Regional Minister

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

What a beautiful weekend for our camp out and picnic! 8 families came to camp. About 50 people showed up for the picnic! It was great. Unfortunately, I now have to get rid of 10 pounds -- but I'm not alone.

Doesn't the front drive look great! Soon we'll have a new south door. Things are coming right along. It's obvious that First Christian is undergoing renewal in more ways than one!

Beginning this July, I will serve a three year term on our denomination's 250 member General Board. I'm very excited about this -- it will be an opportunity to have input directly to unit and agency heads and to help formulate policy. My first meeting will be in St. Louis, July 18-21. The General Board meets annually, unless by special call. I'll report my impressions after my first meeting.

Have a great week. See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

Having grown up in Southern California, I have been in earthquakes before. Last Wednesday afternoon I was sitting at the stoplight at Coldwater and Coliseum. on my way to a meeting when my VW bus started rocking. Is the engine missing? No. The breaks not holding? No, they're fine. Hmm. Must be the wind.

The earthquakes I remember from California were sharp, jagged, irregular, and rapid. This Midwestern variety we felt Wednesday was to me soft and slow, almost rhythmic. And I thought an earthquake was an earthquake was an earthquake! Being from earthquakeland itself, I thought I was an expert!

Of course, all of you are experts, too. According to your experience, the earth does not shake in the Indiana! Ah, but now we know it does. Our perspective just wasn't long enough in range for us to have known. We are like the contractor who, having lived in an area for ten years, built a development on a flood plain. After all, he had never seen water in that area!

The earth does move. Cape Cod is washing away. The Mississippi river is threatening to change its course away from New Orleans. Things don't remain the same. They change, endlessly. Nothing remains the same, not you and I, or the lives we lead. Only that part of God from which the deepest human urges and longings come is eternal. And of us, only our devotion to him can remain as an utter constant. (Read Psalm 102:25-28.)

Shalom!
- Don

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION!

Sign up now to go on "Paul's Adventure for God." It begins next Monday, June 22, and goes every morning until Friday, June 26. The cost will be $2 per child, with a maximum cost of $5 per family. We are excepting registrations for children age 4 (by June 22) to entering grade 5. Be sure your child is signed up before Monday!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - June 14, 1987

Mr. & Mrs. Byron Hollinger, S. Vienna, Ohio.

SERVING JUNE 21

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and Don Parlette

10:45 A.M. Chip Olson and Janet Weicker

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8:15 A.M. Deb Strickland-SW, B. Grimm-NW, M. Novachcoff, S. Smith

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10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield

GREETERS

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10:45 A.M. Mindy & David Hamm

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Lori Lewis & Deb Rinker

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M.

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IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

Anita Fitch

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

9:00 A.M. Personnel Committee Meeting

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

2:00 P.M. Snyder's 60th Wedding Anniversary Party

4:00 P.M. Chi Rho

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JUNE 227:00

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

6:00 P.M. Bread For The World

7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings (Those meeting include: Evangelism, Worship, Christian Education, Stewardship, Property, and Membership)

8:15 P.M. Softball Game at Franke

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

12:00 NOON Parent's Night Out at the Pfennings for a cook-out

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BIRTHDAYS June 25-July 1

Lois Buchanan (27)

Joseph Fitch (27)

Dwain Graham (28)

Scott Rayl (28)

George Hosfield (28)

Mildred Hartman (29)

Mildred Linn (29)

Thomas Rayl (29)

Karen Buzzard (29)

Cheryl Busse (30)

Schellie Englehart (1)

Marilyn Butler (1)

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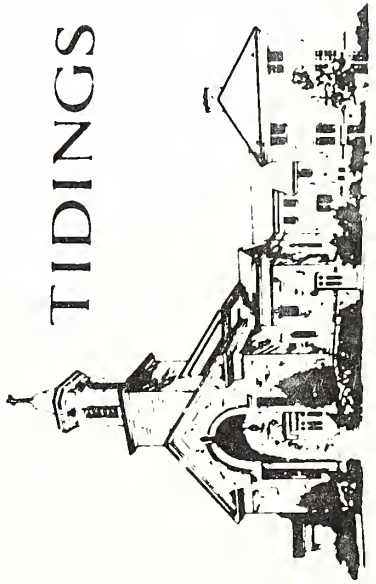

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Nick and Alison Knappenberger transferred their membership to First on Sunday. They were married in Florida the week before! We are delighted to have them here. They live at 2707 Witchwood 46809, phone - 478-1571.

D.M.A. TO WAGON WHEEL THIS SUNDAY

As of this writing, there are three tickets remaining for this trip. Drop a check by the church office to reserve yours. $13.00 per person pays for the ride and the show. We'll leave the church at 1:30 p.m. and return by 6:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

June 30.....7:00 p.m. - Franke
July 7.....8:15 p.m. - Franke
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OUTREACH & SERVICE COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday, June 30, 7:00 p.m.

ELDERS MEETING - all elders are requested to be present on Tuesday, June 30, 7:00 p.m.

NEW BOARD - first meeting will be July 7, 7:30 p.m. (not the second Tuesday as is usual).

My friend Loyd Gentry ran a story in his newsletter I enjoyed.

A man was hired to paint white lines along the highway. The first day he painted ten miles. The boss was so impressed that he promised a raise if he could keep up the pace. But the next day he only did five miles, and the third day only one mile. As a result, he was fired. As he walked away he was heard to mutter, "It wasn't my fault. I kept getting farther away from the can."

I know people who have done just this. They started their Christian life with lots of power. But as time goes on, they keep getting farther and farther away from their power source.

Church school, worship, prayer service, Bible study, acts of love and service: all of these help us get in touch and stay in touch with the Source of our spiritual power.

If you're out of town a lot of weekends this summer, but you return by Sunday evening, why not come to Prayer Service (Sundays 6:15 - 7:00 p.m.) as a way of staying in touch with the One who touches us?

CONGRATULATIONS!

Rolland Ripple presided at the marriage of his and Genevieve's daughter, Wanda, to Gregory Hamm in Oakland, California, May 3. (nice new name, Wanda!)

THANKS!

To Sue Brey, Karen Bushey, and Mindy Hamm for providing the meal for the "Inspirations", the bell and youth choir that visited us last week. The music was super!

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR FATHERS

1. Thou shalt put thy wife before thy mother, thy father, thy daughter, thy son, for she is thy lifelong companion.
2. Abuse not thy body either with excessive food, tobacco, or drink, that thy days may be many and healthful in the presence of thy wife and children.
3. Permit neither thy business nor thy hobby to make of thee a stranger to thy children, for the most precious gift a man giveth his family is his time.
4. Forget not the virtue of cleanliness.
5. Make not thy wife a beggar, but share willingly with her thy worldly goods.
6. Forget not to say, "I love you," for even though thy love is constant, thy wife doth yearn to hear the words.
7. Remember that the approval of thy wife is worth more than the admiring glances of a thousand strangers. Cleave unto her and forsake all others.
8. Keep thy home in good repair, for out of it cometh the joys of thy old age.
9. Forgive with grace, for who among us does not need to be forgiven?
10. Honor the Lord thy God all the days of thy life, and thy children will rise up and call thee blessed.

FIRST REACHES OUT!

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Dear Friends:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your check of May 26, 1987, in the amount of $112.50 for Camp Barbee. This makes a total received to date of $225.00.

This is in addition to your special gift of $10,000.

Your support is appreciated!

Sincerely yours,

Charles M. Babcock
Associate Regional Minister

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Helen and the Festival Choir will return from their journey this week! I for one am eager to see those pictures and hear those tales! Don and I thought the disturbances at the "Wall" a few days ago might have had something to do with Helen being in Berlin, but that rumor has been denied!

Last week, Don preached about Jacob's dream of a ladder between earth and heaven and his calling to be the father of Israel. This week, I'll take the story a bit further (into chapter 32) and we'll see that dream become a nightmare! We've all wrestled with God at some point in our life, haven't we? You bet!

On the following Sunday, July 5, I'm going to address some issues I have never addressed directly in the pulpit before, namely, religion and our public schools. Seems like a good time, in the light of recent Supreme Court rulings. (I guess I must be getting bored with our lack of controversy!).

Hope you have a good week. Stay cool. See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. I hope there's no accidents at Calhoun and Pettit this week because of what's on our yard sign!

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

-- Disciples' membership now totals 1,121,301.

-- The church now has 4,251 congregations in 46 states (none in North Dakota, Vermont, New Hampshire and Rhode Island) and six Canadian provinces.

-- Texas has the most Disciples, followed by Missouri.

-- More than half of Disciples reside in eight states (Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio).

-- It is not uncommon for independent world service agencies to spend 40% of the funds they raise for the fund-raising effort itself.

-- The March of Dimes has a goal of keeping fund-raising costs below 20%.

-- Disciples' fund-raising costs average 5.6%.

-- North American Disciples gave a record $305 million to their congregations in 1985. Of that amount, $41.2 million (13.47%) was reported as outreach.

From First, Falls Church, Newsletter.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 6-21-87

Jean & Jennifer Vogel, 611 Packard; James R. Colgrove, 3211 Heritage; Rosalie and George Mey, Wellsville, Ohio; Cathy Marshall & Sons, Tacoma, Washington; Bernice Baxter; Lois M. Johnson; Donna Evangs, Lakewood, Ohio; Roger L. Hutchinson II, Beacon Falls, CT; and Mr. & Mrs. W.K. Putnam, Luther, Michigan.

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8:15 A.M. Bud Ludwig and Pat Mullen

10:45 A.M. Liz & Wayne Johnson

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8:15 A.M. L. Strickland-SW, B. Grimm-NW, J. Kelly, E. Conrad

10:45 A.M. C. Miller-SW, K. Taylor-NW, M. Mullen-SE, R. Stover-NE, K. Ohneck, J. Ohneck, M. Busse, D. Knudsen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, Jt. Myers

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, B. Haines

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Jessie Fern Woodward

10:45 A.M. Mark Zimmerman & Sara Mullen

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

B. Ludwig - C. Falbe

L. Johnson - L. Stover

Jt. Weicker - S. Smith

D. Parlette - D. Graham

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1:30 P.M. D.M.A. to Wagon Wheel

4:00 P.M. Chi Rho

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JUNE 29

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

7:00 P.M. Elder's Meeting

7:00 P.M. Outreach & Service Committee Meeting

7:00 P.M. Softball Game at Franke

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

11:00 A.M. Minister of Music Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, JULY 2

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Genevieve Ripple's, 3405 Central Drive

FRIDAY, JULY 3

OFFICE CLOSED

BIRTHDAYS July 2-8

Steve Kreischer (2)

Monette Wetzell (2)

Shirley Dibble (3)

Miles Zimmerman (4)

Michael Coleman (4)

Mai Pauley (5)

Mike Piatt (5)

Paul Waugh (5)

Peggy Wells (6)

John Clevenger (7)

Glenna Smith (7)

George Ludwig (8)

Lola Miller (8)

Louis Chasar (8)

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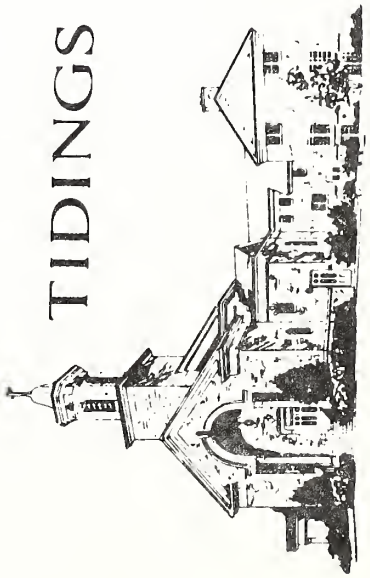

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kent & Janelle Gaskill transferred their membership from Methodist and Lutheran backgrounds Sunday. They live at 5210-10 Stonehedge Blvd. 46835, phone - 486-5024.

Ken and Nedra Feeley transferred from Plymouth Congregational. They live with their four children (Jason, Rebecca, Sarah, Kevin) at 1307 Kensington Blvd. 46805, phone - 424-1606.

We are delighted to welcome these to our family of faith.

ELEVATOR DEDICATION SUNDAY, JULY 12

We are now planning for this great day when our building will be truly accessible to the physically impaired! Our dedication will be subject to completion of the project, of course, but it looks like we'll be right on time. The dedication will be a very brief ceremony after 10:45 a.m. worship.

TAPE'S AVAILABLE

Tapes of Sunday morning services are available for $1.50 per tape (two Sundays on each tape). Order by calling the church office or handing a note to Dick on Sunday morning.

NEW BOARD

The new Board will meet Tuesday, July 7, 7:30 p.m. (not the second Tuesday as is usual).

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

July 7.....8:15 p.m. - Franke
July 14.....5:45 p.m. - Franke

Together In Mission through Basic Mission Finance is the theme of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ Christ) effort to pull together to upgrade our commitment to our mission. Together it proclaims the bringing together of our individual resources for ministry throughout the global village. First Christian Church is steadily increasing its commitment to the worldwide work of the church.

THANK YOU'S

We want to express our gratitude to everyone who helped make our 60th anniversary a time to remember, for the many, many cards and notes, and to those who gave of themselves in Christian Love. We thank you all.

Mark & Pauline Snyder

Thank you to the Worship Committee for the gift you gave the campers to take to camp last week, and also the card you sent to us while we were at camp.

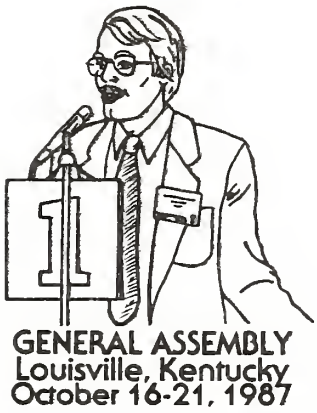
Jason Krull

Thanks to Bill Caldwell for painting around the new cabinets in fellowship hall!

SYMPATHY

Margaret Snouffer's mother died last week in Mobile, Alabama. Graveside services were held here in Fort Wayne Saturday.

The Reverend Joyce Montgomery-Foulkes, immediate past moderator of the Christian Church in Indiana, died last week in Indianapolis. She will be sorely missed by the whole church.



General Assembly -- a time for us to voice our ideas about the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) -- a time for us to be "Faithful to God's claim." Let us pray for all the representatives who will be attending General Assembly, October 16-21, in Louisville, Kentucky.

If you would like to go as a representative of First Christian Church, contact Dick Hamm immediately. Dick has registration forms now.

RACISM IN CORPORATE LIFE

Evidence from an investigation by John Fernandez, reported in Racism and Sexism in Corporate Life, indicates that problems still exist for minority employees.

Fernandez asked questions of a sample of 2,202 managers from 12 large companies. These companies, located throughout the country, have all been very active in striving for equal employment opportunities.

Out of the different groups - Asians, blacks, Hispanics, and whites - black men generally believed the most discrimination was present: white men the least. However, 89 percent of white men believed that minority people faced at least some obstacles in their companies.

In addition, 60 percent of white managers accepted at least some racial stereotypes, such as:

1. Most minority managers use race as an alibi for many difficulties they have on the job.

2. Minority managers come from different cultural backgrounds that are not conducive to their success in management.

3. Most minority managers are not as qualified as most white managers.

One particularly disturbing fact was that acceptance of racist stereotypes increased with rank in the organization. Thus, only 54 percent of first-level white managers accepted such stereotypical statements, while 69 percent of those at the sixth level did.

Suggestion: The struggle for equal opportunity is not over. Continuing efforts to reduce race and gender stereotyping is still needed. (The Pryor Report, March 1986).

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

This is that delightful time of year when the church program slows down a little and there is some time for catching up, planning ahead and, most importantly, reflecting on the year past and the year ahead. It's a bit of a "letting down" time for me, after months of pretty frenzied activity. This means I'm filled with relief, joy, depression, hope, and anticipation all at once! My heart is full, indeed, and I am above all thankful to be a part of this great enterprise of God's!

Sherry Lytle directed an excellent Bible School last week. I thank everyone who participated, kids and adults, had a great week and learned a lot about Paul. Thanks to the many volunteers who made it happen!

In a couple of weeks, Helen Donnell and I will be attending "Experience '87" at Dayton University. This is an annual worship workshop that is about the best in the country. Helen will be attending a number of classes and workshops and looking ahead to the new year. I'll attend a couple of classes, but most of my time will be spent in the library studying the new year's lectionary passages (for preaching) and planning the year's preaching and worship services. Helen and I will meet several times to coordinate themes, music, and worship materials. It will be a wonderful, exhilarating, and exhausting week. Together with an excellent worship committee; it will enable what I expect to be our finest year of worship and preaching in the five years I've been here! This will be time well spent!

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. This week's sermon will be "On Religion and Public Schools". I think you'll find it provocative.

P.S.S. I am praising God for what I consider to be a miracle: the hand picked successor to the South Korean President (dictator), has committed himself to open elections! This averts what would certainly have been a bloody confrontation and will prevent an opening for those of the left and right who would exploit the growing tensions there. It is hard to overestimate the importance of this move for democracy and human rights! Surely God has had a hand in this!

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

Our Vacation Bible School last week was an overwhelming success! Thirty-three children in all participated, and were taught and led in crafts by many volunteers. Sherry Lytle directed the VBS, and we thank her for the time and effort she put into making it the fun and worthwhile experience it was! We also want to thank the other wonderful volunteers who made VBS 1987 a memorable experience: Bobbi Lockhart, Linda Stover, Tracy Critell, Janice Russell, Denise Hamilton, Deb Knudsen, Mindy Hamm, Sharon Pauley, Kathy Graham, Beth Wiltfong, Edna Nordblom, Laura York, Opal Carper, Rhonda Lantz, Sue Brey, Alisha Stover, Mary Fanger, Judy Mey, Tammy Ott, Deb Miller, Joann York, Dick Hamm for portraying Paul, Don Wiltfong, Julie Briggs, and Sherry Lytle.

Shalom! Dan

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 6-28-87

Stan & Lezlye Prince, 4489 Coventry Parkway; Margaret Baumann, 2129 Broadway; John and Janice Morris, 9111 Saratoga Road; Helen Suhr, 2445 Fairfield #300; Walter & Judy Hayes, Winchester, Iowa.

Our prayers go out to Myrtle DeVinney during her recovery of her broken wrist which she did several weeks ago. Hope to see you soon Myrtle!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

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10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JULY 6

7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:15 P.M. Diaconate Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 7

7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
8:15 P.M. Softball Game at Franke

BIRTHDAYS July 9-15

Mel Busse (9)
David Griggs (9)
Dave Kreischer (9)
Janet Myers (9)
Helen Sheerin (9)
Alice Nulf (10)
Esther Clipp (11)
Nancy Harter (11)
Bob Johnson (11)
Marge Thomas (11)
David Pence (12)
Laurell Cole (12)
Jeff Johnson (12)
Judith Markley (12)
Cecil Rice (14)

Rev. Melvin Phillips, Executive Minister, has given the Board of Directors notice that he wishes to retire July 15, 1988. He stated that he wished to give plenty of time for the search process to work. This will also complete 15 years in the position.

A Search Committee was elected by the Board. Chairman is Rev. Richard Hamm, First Christian; JoAnne Valentine, Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren; Herbert Singleton, Union Baptist; Pearl Hearn, Turner Chapel AME; James Wine, Faith U. Methodist; and Rev. Richard Frazier, Trinity English Lutheran Church.

JoAnne Valentine's currently President; Singleton is Vice-President. Hearn is Vice-President of Personnel. Wine (past President) and Frazier comprise the regular Personnel Committee. Hamm is also chairman of the Division of Education for Christian Life.

The Committee will spend the summer formulating the necessary documents before an announcement for candidates is made.

Rev. Phillips indicated he and Carolyn plan to keep their home in Fort Wayne. They have three daughters, one each in Indianapolis, Chicago, and Grand Rapids. Their son lives in Germany.

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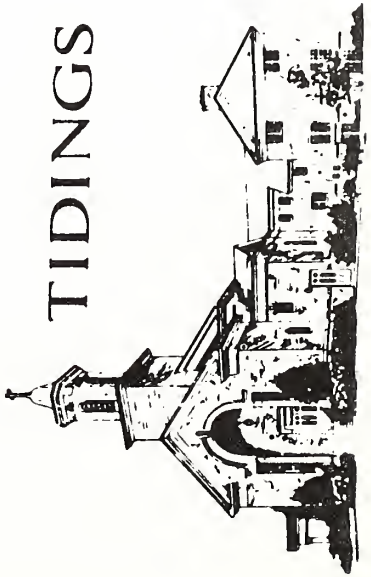

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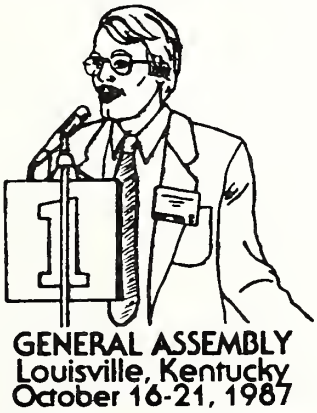
We are pressing ahead with plans for this brief ceremony immediately after 10:45 a.m. worship. The finishing work may not be absolutely done, but as long as the permit to operate the elevator is O.K.'d, we'll go with our plans. Now our building will be truly accessible to all!

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

July 14.....5:45 p.m. - Franke

JOINT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS THIS SUNDAY

All adult classes, and those without a class, are invited to a joint class in fellowship hall this Sunday, July 12, 9:30 a.m. Dick Hamm will lead a session on "World Hunger: Causes and Solutions."



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SEARCH COMMITTEE TO BE ELECTED

In the wake of Don Wiltfong's resignation, a Search Committee will be needed. This committee will clarify the job description of this position and bring a recommended candidate before the Board and Congregation.

This Search Committee will be nominated (in accordance with our By-laws) by the Lay Personnel Committee, approved by the Board and elected by the congregation.

If you have anyone to suggest to the Lay Personnel Committee, please call Mildred Hartman (Lay Personnel Chairman) or the church office. Do this as soon as possible, because the nominations will be reviewed by the Board and the Search Committee will be elected by the congregation on Sunday, July 26.

NOTICE OF CALLED MEETINGS

Board: Sunday, July 26, 9:30 a.m., in the sanctuary.

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HOW'S THAT AGAIN?

Thanks to Bill Crouse for painting around the new cabinets in fellowship hall!

HOSPITALIZED

Jane Wagoner had surgery in Indianapolis last week. She is home and doing great!

Jim Shirley is home after having had surgery at Lutheran Hospital.

Anita Fitch is now at Regency Place Nursing Home and showing some improvement.

NEWS OF SISTER CHURCHES

West Creighton Avenue Christian Church has unanimously voted to call Terry Noller of Gas City to be their new pastor beginning July 26. Congratulations, friends!

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Dear Friends,

Enclosed in this issue of Tidings is Don Wiltfong's letter of resignation. Don has accepted a call to become pastor of a very fine congregation that has great potential and will provide him with the kind of challenge he deserves.

Much will be said in the coming weeks about Don's four years with us, but I wish to say a couple of things now. First, Don has become a true friend. We have shared many experiences over these years and it won't be the same without him. He has been a strong personal support. Second, Don has done what we asked him to do for us and has done it well.

As Don and Beth and Lucy and Albert depart at the end of August, we will only then begin to realize what they have given to us and how big the void is that they will leave. In the meantime, we will treasure these weeks we have remaining with them.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. The sermon Sunday will be on Christian love. How is it possible to love the unlovable? I hope to bring you some new insight on this old question.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 7-5-87

Vicki David, 7506 Granada Drive; Toni Kring, 4319 Drury Lane; Larry Hayes, 4319 Drury Lane; Glenn & Wilma Miller; Rico & Carol Saenz, Ft. Worth, TX; Sally (Cline) Bierman, Zachery & Kaleb, Littleton, CO.

To the members and friends of First Christian Church;

It is both a privilege and a sorrow to announce that I have been issued a call to be Pastor of First Christian Church, Edinburg, Indiana. I have accepted that call, and will end my duties as Associate Pastor here on August 31.

I feel good about my time here with you. While I have been here I believe the Christian Education program has had a modest revival. I have shared with many of you during times of pain and illness, and times of joy. I have gained not only as a professional minister, but also as a person. You mean a lot to me.

But I also feel that the time is opportune for First Christian to benefit from someone more skilled in Christian Education than I, and in my turn, I believe I have skills which need to find expression beyond what is needed in a second staff person here.

When I leave I will carry with me a deep love and respect for this congregation as a whole and for its individual members and staff. I can say without hesitation that First Christian is the finest congregation with which I have been affiliated.

Shalom! Don

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10:45 A.M. Bill Franklin and John Ohneck

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SUNDAY, JULY 12

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9:30 A.M. Joint Adult Sunday School Class

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JULY 13

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JULY 14

5:45 P.M. Softball Game at Franke

BIRTHDAYS July 16-22

Max Geiselman (16)

Barbara Clevenger (17)

Thelma Swift (17)

Erma Vanderwall (17)

George Davis (18)

Sue Oden (18)

Eula Campbell (19)

Sherry Lytle (20)

Nedra Feeley (20)

Tom Wells (21)

Warren Webster (21)

Tom Harter (22)

Jane Wagoner (22)

Randall Lewis (22)

YOUTH NEWS.....

Chi Rho will meet this Sunday, July 12, at 4:00 p.m.

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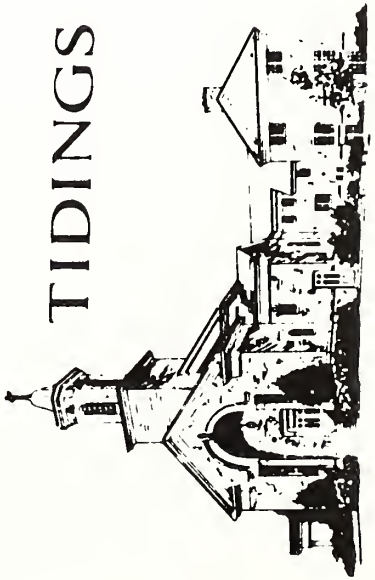

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SEARCH COMMITTEE TO BE ELECTED

In the wake of Don Wiltfong's resignation, a Search Committee will be needed. This committee will clarify the job description of this position and bring a recommended candidate before the Board and Congregation.

This Search Committee will be nominated (in accordance with our By-laws) by the Lay Personnel Committee, approved by the Board and elected by the congregation.

If you have anyone to suggest to the Lay Personnel Committee, please call Mildred Hartman (Lay Personnel Chairman) or the church office. Do this as soon as possible, because the nominations will be reviewed by the Board and the Search Committee will be elected by the congregation on Sunday, July 26.

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THANK YOU

My sincere thanks to all who remembered me with prayers, cards, visits, and concern at the time of my recent surgeries.

Valetta Parlette

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AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 7-12-87

Chris Starkey; Doris Buitzmann, Calumet City, ILL; Toni Grazian, Blue Island, ILL; Evelyn Cohs, Park Forest, ILL.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

As you read this, I will be on my way to my first meeting as a member of the denomination's General Board. We will be reviewing reports and recommendations from the various units and agencies of the church and previewing resolutions to come before the General Assembly in October. We are meeting in St. Louis for this Board meeting. There are about 250 members of The General Board (which makes our Board here at First look pretty manageable!). I'm looking forward to this experience, and will report to you about it. I'll return on Wednesday.

Our first six months of 1987 were great from the evangelistic perspective! 32 people united with our congregation! This is excellent! Who have you invited to church lately?

"Stay cool" as they say (an appropriate saying in this year's summer in Fort Wayne)! I'll see you next Sunday.

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

I have had many and kind reactions to my resignation, from "congratulations" to "How could you do this to us?" While it is not necessarily comfortable to be the source and cause of a piece of bad news, I am nonetheless glad it is being taken as bad news and not good!

When a minister chooses to leave a congregation, it is natural for the members to have a wide range of feelings (The minister, too!), although they are not as acute when it is an associate leaving as when it is a senior minister. Shock and disbelief can come first; sorrow; rejection ("Why is he leaving? We aren't good enough for him?"; anger; guilt feelings ("Is it something I said or did?").

Leaving is a very personal thing. It is personal for me, and it is personal to many of you. Do not be afraid to say the things you feel, to give your feelings expression. We have seven weeks, so don't hesitate to find an opportunity to tell me how you feel, good or "bad," and to give me a chance to respond. It will be impossible for me to seek all of you out, or to say I would like to say; I will cherish any opportunity you give me to hear you and be heard by you.

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Edith Roush (24)
Forrest Smith (24)
Alisha Stover (24)
Marianne Howard (25)
James Lester (25)
Jeff Johnson (25)
Eric Zimmerman (26)
Sue Kiger (26)
Woody Klepfer (26)
Mark Pontius (27)
Lee Crowell (27)
Ruth Neal (27)
Sue Brey (27)
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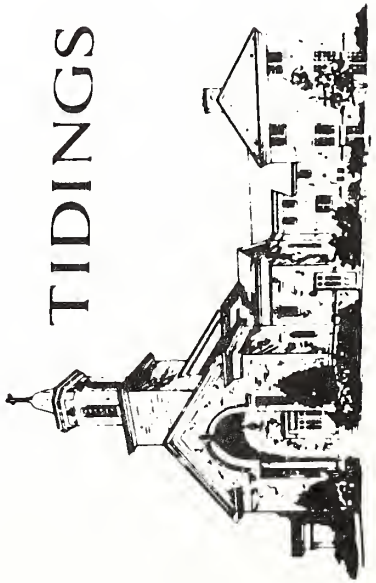

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FORMER FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH YOUTH ON MISSION

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D.M.A. (DON'T MENTION AGE) ANNOUNCES EXCITING NEW YEAR!

Our group for people over 50 (Whoops! We weren't supposed to mention that) has an exciting year planned for you! How does this sound, for example!?

A trip by train to Chicago for museums, and shopping.

A trip to the zoo, including the new Australian Adventure.

A tour of the National Guard facility.

Horse Around Town after Dinner Out.

Bar Association speaker on concerns of older adults.

A trip to the Botannical Gardens in January.

This is just some of what's coming! Watch the Tidings for details or ask the church office to put you on the D.M.A. mailing list if you're not already on.

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FIRST REACHES OUT!

Dear Bible School Participants,

We very much appreciate your recent gift to Heifer Project International. We hope you enjoyed your Vacation Bible School. By helping to provide livestock/training and/or technical assistance in one of more than 120 projects in 36 countries around the world, your gift will enable hungry people to help themselves, increase their sense of pride and dignity, and allow them in turn to "pass on the gift" to other needy neighbors.

Thank you for showing your concern for others in this special way.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I attended a meeting of Area I pastors and lay leaders a couple of weeks ago. We met to discuss the possibility of mounting a major media campaign in the Fort Wayne T.V. viewing area to acquaint the public with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and our area congregations. This campaign would include T.V., radio, newspapers, and road signs.

Actually, our evangelism committee was already thinking of such a campaign for First Christian, but how much better and more effective it would be to include all area Disciple congregations in the effort.

Still, nothing takes the place of personal invitation by members. A media campaign just makes it a little easier to do -- at least, maybe you won't get that old standard response, "I've never heard of that denomination!"

It's an exciting idea and hopefully we can have it ready within a year or so.

I'm very encouraged by two recent developments: the election of Dr. Towles as FWCS Board President, and the appointment of Dr. Hans Sheridan as the administrator in charge of designing a racial balance plan. Dr. Sheridan is open to community input and should be able to both "defuse" the situation and create an effective and fair plan.

Summer's going entirely too quickly, don't you agree?!

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. My sermon Sunday will be "On Growing Up".

AUGUST ADVENTRUES!

Every Sunday in August will be a new and different adventure at First Christian Church for children age 3 to grade 5. In the place of Sunday School and Extended Session, we are offering five different activities:

August 2 .....Nature Day, Lindenwood Park.
August 9 .....Kite Sunday
August 16.....Zoo Day, Fort Wayne Children's Zoo
August 23.....Junior Olympics
August 30.....Sunday Morning at the Movies

For Zoo Day, the cost will be two dollars per child. There is no charge for any of the other activities. The children should wear clothes appropriate for play. Children can come to just one, or they can come for all the activities! Fill out the registration form below and mail or bring it to the church office by Friday, July 31. We hope your child comes to these activities! (NOTE: There will be no Sunday School or Extended Session offered in August!)

REGISTRATION FORM

My Child(ren), _____, has (have) my permission to
(child's Name)
attend the following August Adventures outings sponsored by First Christian Church:

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___ August 9, "Kite Sunday"
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Parent's Name: _____
Address: _____
_____
Phone Numbers: _____ OR _____

Only after every reasonable attempt has been made to contact you in the case of an emergency will medical treatment be sought.

IN THE CASE I cannot be reached and emergency medical treatment is necessary, I give my permission for such treatment: Signed, _____
(Parent's Signature)

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LUTHERAN:

201 - Mrs. Alice Sturgis

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SATURDAY, JULY 25

10:30 A.M. C.W.F. Committee Chairwomen & Executive Committee

SUNDAY, JULY 26

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. Board of Trustees Meeting

10:30 A.M. Congregational Meeting

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

4:00 P.M. Chi Rho

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JULY 27

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JULY 28

6:00 P.M. Bread For The World

7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings

FRIDAY, JULY 31

12:00 NOON D.M.A. potluck at Bud & Mary Sue Ludwig's

BIRTHDAYS July 30-August 4

Bonnie Evans (30)

Wilberta Edgington (31)

Carl Smith (31)

Mary Lou Hartzler (1)

Robin Hosfield (1)

Wanda Howell (1)

Lori Lewis (1)

Glenn Miller (1)

Dick Mory (1)

Margaret Snouffer (1)

Sue Burchill (1)

Dorothy Morris (2)

Max Knudsen (3)

Kathryn Eich (4)

Gloria Phillips (4)

Betty Olson (4)

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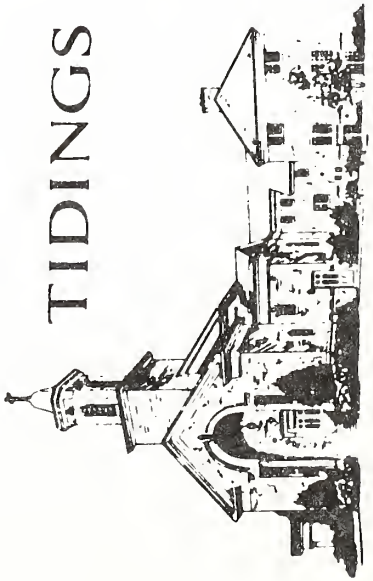

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SEARCH COMMITTEE ELECTED

The following were elected: Sherry Lytle, Deb Miller, Mike Piatt, Janet Weicker, Wes Westerfield, John Kelly, Mildred Hartman, Mindy Hamm, Liz Johnson, and Kris Ohneck. Bill Franklin will serve ex-officio as Moderator of the Board.

If you have ideas or suggestions, please make them known to one of these committee members or to Dick Hamm, who will also serve ex-officio.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY - LOUISVILLE - OCTOBER 16-21

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CERTIFIED LAB SCHOOL, SEPTEMBER 18-20

A Lab School provides teacher training under the guidance of a certified teacher with "hands-on" experience working with a class. Training will be for: Preschool, Younger Elementary, Older Elementary youth, Young Adult, Adult.

Sixteen hours of Certified Lab training. Friday, 6-10; Sat., 8:30 - 6:00; Sunday, 1:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Registration is $25 per person or $100 per church, whichever is less.

The school will be there and is sponsored by Crescent and Simpson United Methodist Churches and Associated Churches.

First Christian will pay registration fees to register, contact the church office.

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NAOMI CIRCLE

The Circle will meet Thursday, August 6, at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Grace Truby and Mabel Watson, 2445 Fairfield, Apt. 301.

FESTIVAL OF PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING

The third annual Festival of Peace and Understanding will take place in Fort Wayne beginning August 9 with a Heroshema observance. There will be other activities during the week involving all ages under the theme Let's Talk. The final program of the Festival will be held in the Foellinger Theatre, Franke Park at 6:30 p.m. August 16 - a Celebration of Friendship. It will feature adult and children's choirs.

The adult choir (ages 16 to ?) invites any who cares about Shalom and who loves to sing to come to rehearsals Monday through Thursday nights, August 10-13, at Plymouth Congregational Church from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in order to prepare for the Sunday night celebration. The choir is directed by Helen Donnell and accompanied by Jim Mittan. It is out of this all-city, ecumenical, inter-racial group of singers that The Festival Choir, recently returned from Europe, was born. For the past two years there have been 100 or more singers at Franke Park, and of that group 40 have chosen to remain together singing their message all year long. Whether or not anyone wants to commit to a whole year's activity, everyone is invited to sing for the Festival itself, August 16.

Children ages 6-15 are invited also to participate in rehearsals Wednesday through Saturday afternoons, August 12-15, 2:30-4:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, and in the Celebration of Friendship at Franke Park. The Shalom Choir will be directed by Jocelyn Basse again this year. The two choirs will sing separately and together on Sunday evening.

If you enjoy singing, please come! If you have a friend who does, please invite them! And if you have children who do, please take them to Jocelyn - it has been for two years now a very exciting week. We look forward to enjoying participation by any and all.

C. L. E. A. R. DAY IS COMING!!

(Congregational Leaders Education and Renewal Day)

At Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana

Registration: $15.00 (including lunch)

Saturday
September 12, 1987

WORKSHOPS:

1. The Diaconate
2. Basic Teacher Training
3. Planning the Year's Youth Program - for officers of C.Y.F. and Chi Rho
4. How to Be An Elder
5. Handbell Choirs for the Local Church
6. Preparing for Children to Be in Worship
7. The Struggling Church School
8. Church Growth: Structure to Action
9. Now I am a Worship Committee Chairperson
10. Teach Us to Pray
11. Youth Leader Training
12. Conflict Management in the Local Church
13. Now I Am a Board Chairperson
14. The Pastor as Administrator
15. How to Run a Business Meeting (for CWF Presidents, CMF Presidents, Committee Chairs, etc.)
16. A Year-Long Program of Stewardship
17. PRC Training
18. Ministerial Ethics for Pastors and Congregations
19. Stewardship of Life
20. Now I Am an Outreach Committee Chairperson

See Dick Hamm for registration forms. Deadline, August 23. We will carpool.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

"Roll out those hazy, lazy, crazy days of summer.....!" Whew! I hope you are coping with the heat. I can't believe we're heading south for summer vacation! But, that's where we're going.....to St. Pete. It will be good to be home for a bit, and it can't be much hotter there than it's been here. I'm ready for some time off.

My experience of General Board can be summed up this way: "the church get's its money's worth!" I arrived on Saturday at noon and we had sessions Saturday afternoon and evening, Sunday morning, afternoon, and evening, Monday morning and afternoon (they gave us the night off!), and Tuesday morning and afternoon! I was most impressed with the quality of the Board (some 200 or so members from all over the country) and the seriousness with which they went about the task. I'm very proud to be a member of this group. My term runs four years. I represent the Region of Indiana. We meet annually.

We dealt with several hundred pages of reports and resolutions. Questions were raised and answered, resolutions were voted up or down, and all along the way we sought to be a living example of the church as people in covenant with God and one another.

I will be back in the pulpit on August 16. In the meantime, I'll be thinking of you.

Love,

Dick

AUGUST ADVENTURES STARTS SUNDAY!

Every Sunday in August will be a new and different adventure at First Christian Church for children age 3 to grade 5. In the place of Sunday School and Extended Session, we are offering five different activities:

August 2 .....Nature Day, Lindenwood Park.
August 9 .....Kite Sunday
August 16.....Zoo Day, Fort Wayne Children's Zoo
August 23.....Junior Olympics
August 30.....Sunday Morning at the Movies

For Zoo Day, the cost will be two dollars per child. There is no charge for any of the other activities. The children should wear clothes appropriate for play. Children can come to just one, or they can come for all the activities! Fill out the registration form below and mail or bring it to the church office by Friday, July 31. We hope your child comes to these activities! (NOTE: There will be no Sunday School or Extended Session offered in August!)

REGISTRATION FORM

My Child(ren), _____, has (have) my permission to
(child's Name)
attend the following August Adventures outings sponsored by First Christian Church:

___ August 2, "Nature Day"
___ August 9, "Kite Sunday"
___ August 16, "Zoo Day"
___ August 23, "Junior Olympics"
___ August 30, "Sunday Morning At The Movies"

Parent's Name: _____
Address: _____
_____
Phone Numbers: _____ OR _____

Only after every reasonable attempt has been made to contact you in the case of an emergency will medical treatment be sought.

IN THE CASE I cannot be reached and emergency medical treatment is necessary, I give my permission for such treatment: Signed, _____
(Parent's Signature)

SERVING AUGUST 2

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Pat Mullen and Dwain Graham

10:45 A.M. Don Kampenga and Liz Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Lindsay-SW, M. Novachcoff-NW, J. Kelly, N. Mennewisch

10:45 A.M. M. Busse-SW, J. Franklin-NW, K. Tobias-SE, M. Piatt-NE, L. Strickland, J. Wagoner, R. Stover, L. Stover

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, C. Byrket

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, T. Knuckles, B. Haines

GREETERS

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Becky Glasgow

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Janet Myers

10:45 A.M. Bob Orr

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

201 - Mrs. Alice Sturgis

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for helping send kids to Church Camp. I had lots of fun there. I hope to be able to go back next year. Camp Barbee is terrific. Thanks again!

Love,

Lindsay Miller

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

4:00 P.M. Chi Rho

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Grace Truby & Mabel Watson's, 2445 Fairfield, Apt. 301

BIRTHDAYS August 5-11

Ethel King (6)
David Orr (6)
Nellie Roe (7)
Patricia Norman (7)
Elizabeth Moody (8)
Ronald Elliott (8)
Linda Wiley (9)
Joe Manachanh (9)
Alice Sturgis (9)
Charline Craig (10)
Beverly Johnston (10)
John Ohneck (11)
Marilyn Snouffer (11)
Jim Sablic (11)

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 7-26-87

Don & Marie Gandy, 7289 Lakeridge Drive; Dave & Shirley Gandy, Indianapolis; Barry, Jared, Erika Nordblom, Gloucester, VA; Mr. & Mrs. Edward Hook, Payne, OH; Murray McLean, Columbia City, IN.

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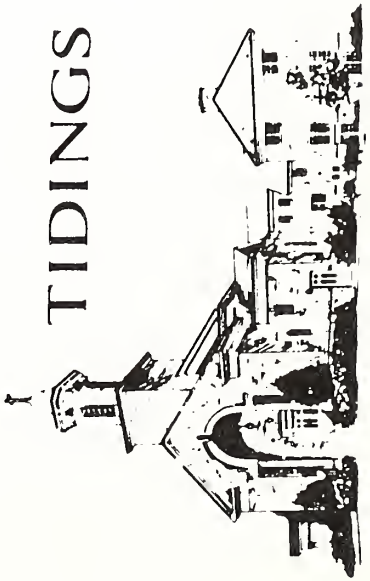

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All singles are welcome (never married, divorced, widowed). Come and enjoy the fellowship.

SOFTBALL - MIRACLES DO HAPPEN!

Everybody knows that when a new baseball franchise begins, it begins in the cellar. Our "club" was no different when we first entered the softball scene in 1982. Each year has seen improvement. This year we finished first in our division!

A tournament will begin for us on Tuesday, August 11, 8:00 p.m., at Franke Park.

Thanks to Kirk Spencer who coached us so ably this year. Thanks to Bruce Lehman for helping to build to this point!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL, AUGUST 23, 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Under tent in front yard. Entertainment provided. Ice Cream, homemade pies and cakes, and sandwiches.

CALLING ALL CWF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

This includes all the CWF group leaders, the CWF President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Chairman of General CWF Study, Worship, Service, House, Nominating, Membership, Publicity & Telephone, Visitation & Cheer, Funeral Dinner Coordinator & Wedding Reception Coordinator.

There will be a meeting Saturday, August 8 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Any other interested persons are welcome to attend also.

This will be a continuation of planning for dates, budget and programs for the 1987-88 year.

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THE FESTIVAL OF PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING

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Please singers, notice the rehearsal times for the all-city choirs for children and adults, and plan to be a part of the Sunday evening program. Jocelyn (children) and Helen (adults) would be so glad to have you a part of the choirs.

FAMILY CAMPING AT BARBEE

September 4-7, the Christian Church in Indiana invites families to bring tents, campers, or whatever, to join together in camping. The weekend features organized activities and study for those interested, evening campfires, and the use of the beautiful Barbee facilities, including the lake. Cabins are available for those who prefer them.

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SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

The Search Committee had its first meeting July 28. Chuck Babcock, Associate Regional Minister, was present to orient the group to procedures.

The first step will be to clarify the expectations we have for this staff person. What does the congregation see this person doing? An instrument will be used to survey the congregation. Of course, the committee is also very concerned about how the senior pastor sees this person's role, since he is head of the staff.

It is hoped that a job description can be presented to the Board for approval in September. Then the committee can begin looking at candidates.

Congregational input regarding concerns or possible candidates is welcome all along the way, of course. Mildred Hartman was elected to serve as convenor of the committee. Kris Ohneck will serve as secretary.

OFFERING OF LETTERS REPORT

Those who attended the joint adult Sunday School session July 12 heard a presentation on world hunger and were invited to send letters to our Congressman and Senators in support of the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program as Congress plans for the new year's budget.

To date 37 letters are known to have been sent in response to this issue! If you sent a letter and did not report it to the church office, please do report it so we know how many letters were actually sent from First Christian.

Thank you for your concern on behalf of the hungry. "In that you have done it to the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me."

LARRY TAYLOR TRIP POSTPONED

Larry Taylor's trip to Haiti has been postponed until Christmas due to internal problems with striking workers and violence. More later.

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AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 8-2-87

David L. Kern, 3202 Dinnan Acre; Mark & Deborah Melchi, 5005 S. Anthony Blvd.; Patti Tims, 1208 Columbia Avenue.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago, my friend Steve Harter ran the following piece in the West Creighton Avenue Christian newsletter. I commend it to you.

I BELIEVE IN THE CHURCH

I believe in the church in spite of its imperfections. The church will never be perfect in this world. It is made up of people struggling to do God's will - - but people who are still human with their weaknesses and sin.

I believe in the church in spite of its limitations and its handicaps. Sometimes the church in hindered by lack of vision and commitment. But, in spite of all this, the church is the only agency in the world that provides a place where people can gather to worship God.

I believe in the church because it is an agency of God's Spirit - - an instrument of the eternal. It has changed through the years, and it will continue to change. It will make mistakes but the church is still God's chosen vessel for carrying on His work of redemption in the world.

It's easy to become cynical about the church. Many do. But, in fact, its a pretty remarkable instrument. I see lives changed all the time by the church. I see people supported day to day by the church.....people who might otherwise not be able to function.

I believe in the church, and I believe in you, too.

See you Sunday, August 16.

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

A Lutheran chaplain named Granger E. Westberg relates that he was once told by a man in great pain, "Chaplain, I've been a rotten person most of my life. I've hurt a lot of people. I know that God is punishing me for all the wrong I've done to others." Westberg then asks, "If you were the chaplain, what would you say to him?"

A very good question. We would not tell someone whom we regard as a good person that God is inflicting them with suffering as a punishment. But what about someone who has intentionally and wantonly hurt other people?

Perhaps a yes and a no. First of all, good and bad, it is generally true (though not universally so) that "we reap what we sow," and that some of our acts do come back upon us. That is a part of the nature of our world. Our decisions do help determine our future and the future of others. So suffering can be a result of what we have done. But result is not the same as punishment.

Thus there is also a no answer. Jesus pointed out that God "makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matt. 5:45). God's love showers and shines on all. God may well be angry at what we do to one another, but that never contradicts his love for us.

My answer to the man in pain would be along these lines: "No, God is not rejoicing in your pain, nor does he accept it as payment for your wrongs. For those God desires repentance, a change of heart, and a turning toward him. You are responsible to make right what past wrongs you can, and God does care about that. But God is not inflicting you with this suffering. It may be that God is using it to help you clarify your life, but God is not it's cause. I believe God is more concerned about the course of your life from this time on than about your guilt for crimes past."

Good or evil, I think we all underestimate the love God has for us.

Shalom! - Don

SERVING AUGUST 9

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and William Crouse

10:45 A.M. Bill Franklin and Wes Westerfield

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Graham-SW, M. Hutchinson-NW, J. Myers, Jt. Myers

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USHERS

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GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Ken Taylor

10:45 A.M. Gene & Eileen Klepfer

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

J. Church - J. Mey

R. Church - J. Wagoner

C. Olson - J. Franklin

B. Johnson - K. Ohneck

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4:00 P.M. Chi Rho

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MONDAY, AUGUST 10

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild at Sarah Smith's, 4453 Coventry Parkway

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

8:00 P.M. Softball Game at Franke Park

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Don Hamilton (13)

Harriet Weaver (14)

Rebecca Bowman (15)

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Lois Finkhousen (18)

Julia Bicknell (19)

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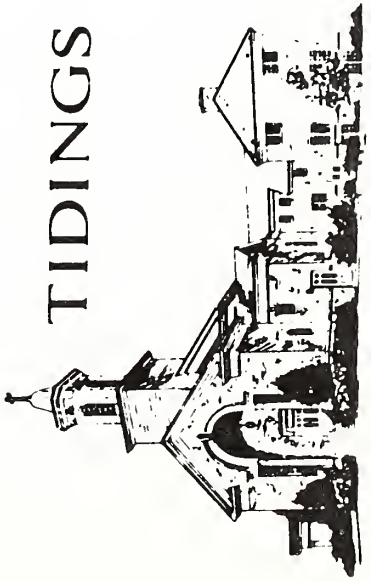

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ELEVATOR DEDICATION, SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

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DON'T MENTION AGE

Our D.M.A. group is invited to go to Chicago to shop or see museums or do whatever you wish! We will go via motor coach (not Amtrak, as originally thought), on Thursday, August 27. We will depart at 7:00 a.m. and return by 9:30 p.m.

Cost is $25.00 per person for coach fare. Shopping, museums, and meals are up to you. We will drop you off at a museum on the lake front or at the Watertower for shopping.

Sign up by calling the church office by Wednesday, August 19.

TEACHER TRAINING FOR ALL AGE LEVELS

Anyone interested in learning more about teaching in the Church is invited to attend the Associated Churches Lab School, September 18, 19, and 20 at Crescent Avenue United Methodist Church. Workshops offered will include: young children, younger elementary; older elementary; junior and senior high youth; and adults. First Christian will pay for your registration fee if you call the church and register by September 10. This will be a quality event led by professionals.

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CONGREGATION ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN SURVEY

In order to assist the Search Committee, all members of the congregation are asked to participate in a survey on Sunday, August 16. Surveys will be distributed to all adult Sunday School classes, 9:30 a.m.

The survey asks several questions about how you, personally, see the church. What are its present strengths & weakness, what future directions would you like to see us take for the next 2-4 years, where do we wish to see the Senior Pastor spend most of his time, and how do you see our potential?

The combined responses will be tabulated for study and shared later this month.

GENERAL BOARD REPORT

One of the most significant pieces of business at General Board meeting was a resolution on priorities for the Church for the next 12 years. The resolution that is recommended to the General Assembly in October, makes the development of "vital congregations as dynamic faith communities in prophetic, redemptive, and reconciling ministries to the world," our priority till the year 2000.

Many Disciples welcome the revitalization of our 4000 congregations as a priority. All across North America, congregations are in need of revitalization. This "priority" will mean that all our General units and agencies will see their tasks and roles through the lens of congregational revitalization.

A major aspect of this revitalization effort will be an emphasis on evangelism and church growth. This will certainly fit in with our plans here at First Christian, since evangelism and growth are one of our chief priorities in the new year.

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

The new Flower Chart is up! Reserve your special date on the new Flower Chart posted in the Narthex (September 1987 - August 1988). All you need do is sign up to supply flowers for Worship a given Sunday and the Worship Committee will make the arrangements for it. Indicate if you wish to honor or remember someone. The cost is $15.00, checks are made payable to First Christian Church and marked "Flowers". Thank you for your participation in this very meaningful program.

TEN LITTLE CHRISTIANS

Ten little Christians
Came to church all the time,
One fell out with preacher,
Then there were nine.

Nine little Christians
Stayed up late;
One overslept on Sunday,
And then there were eight.

Eight little Christians
On their way to heaven;
One took the low road
Then there were seven.

Seven little Christians
Chirping like chicks;
One didn't like the singing,
And then there were six.

Six little Christians
Seemed very much alive;
One took a vacation
And then there were five.

Five little Christians
Asking for more;
One took a rest a while
And then there were four.

Four little Christians
Each as busy as a bee;
One got his feelings hurt
And then there were three.

Three little Christians,
Couldn't decide what to do;
One couldn't have his way,
And then there were two.

Two little Christians
Each won one more;
Now, don't you see,
Two and two make four.

Four little Christians
Worked early and late,
Each one brought one,
And now there are eight.

Eight little Christians,
If they double as before. . .
In just seven Sundays
We'd have one thousand, twenty-four.

In this little jingle
There is a lesson true. . .
You belong either to the building
Or the wrecking crew.

First Impressions
Venice, FL

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I don't know who said it first, but it needs to be said again and again.

"Evangelism is the first priority of the Church.
It is not the only priority, but it is first!"

After choosing His disciples and teaching them God's love, Jesus sent them out to tell others. Who are you telling? May I lay before you five challenges:

1. Invite at least three potential new members to be your guest for study and/or worship;

2. Personally cultivate one or more of these that they might seriously consider becoming a member of our family circle;

3. Call someone this week whom you have been missing and let them know they are missed;

4. Pray for our church, that we might grow and that God might use us in a significant way;

5. Be present Sunsay morning to share in study, worship, and fellowship.

A lot of great things are happening here at First Christian Church, but we need to be sharing this good news and the Good News with others.

God is counting on us!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. My sermon Sunday will be "Bread For The Journey" based on Exodus 16:2-15. When you risk freedom and growth, do you fear starvation? Then you'll identify with the Israelites in the Wilderness. Come here the Good News, and bring a friend.

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

"Believe" is one of those slippery words which inhabit english dictionaries. Often, when someone says "I believe," we take it they are giving us their opinion: "I believe its going to rain," "I believe all politicians should be given lie detector tests!" Beliefs, we believe, are small butterflies which inhabit our heads, but which never flutter into any other part of us, let alone ever escape to actually do anything worthwhile in the world.

I read recently about a Minnesota psychologist who had repeatedly defended the right of the terminally ill to take their own lives. Finding himself ill (though no one knows if his condition was even terminal) he hung himself in his attic. His friends all expressed puzzlement at his death. But then, we seldom take people's beliefs seriously. After all, they are just opinions!

English used to have a stronger verb than believe. It was the verb, "to faith," which fell into disuse shortly after Shakespear wrote his plays. To faith meant to invest oneself in a fact or person or thing. The New Testament, too, has a verb "to faith,", which is used extensively in the Gospel of John. In modern versions of the Bible (including the King James Version and the Revised Standard) it is translated "believe."

So we are stuck with a weak word to bear the weight of some very substantive content. What we believe can kill us or save us. Believing is not somethign which nests in our head, but which flows from our hearts, and can flood our lives and the lives of those around us with joy or pain, with hurt or healing. To bad we don't take beliefs a more seriously than we do.

Shalom! - Jon

SERVING AUGUST 16

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm and Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Gene Klepfer and Eileen Klepfer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Lindsay-SW, B. Lindsay-NW, N. Mennewisch, J. Kelly

10:45 A.M. M. Piatt-SW, M. Hamm-NW, D. Mey-SE, J. Mey-NE, J. Bushey, S. Callahan, D. Ross, K. Ohneck

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, M. Thomas

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, E. Nordblom, M. Westerfield

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Evelyn Yeoman

10:45 A.M. Jerry & Sandy Zimmerman

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K. Taylor & J. Kelly

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Mabel Watson & Grace Truby

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz

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IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

210 - Mrs. Alice Sturgis

CHURCH CALENDAR

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9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship (Elevator Dedication following second worship service)

4:00 P.M. Chi Rho

6:00 P.M. Singles Group

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

NEXT SUNDAY: Ice Cream Social - 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

BIRTHDAYS August 20-26)
Nancy Kolkman (20)
Judy Ford (22)
Michael Johnson (23)
Marie Redman (24)
Diane Morris (24)
John Olson (25)
Mary Higgins (26)

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 8-9-87

Doug & Debbie Keister, 1782 E. White Oak Lane; D.&I. Hammons, 3530 E. Saddle Drive; Chris Starkey; Mrs. Paul W. Dailey.

CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

The Congregation and friends are invited to a celebration of friendship at Foelling Theatre, Franke Park, at 6:30 p.m. Sunday evening, August 16. The program will involve two all-city ecumenical inter-racial choirs. The adult choir is directed by Helen Donnell and the children's choir by Jocelyn Basse. It will include also several brief reports from members of the Festival Choir which recently returned from a concert tour in Germany, East Germany, and Czechoslovakia.

We hope you will come and enjoy the program!

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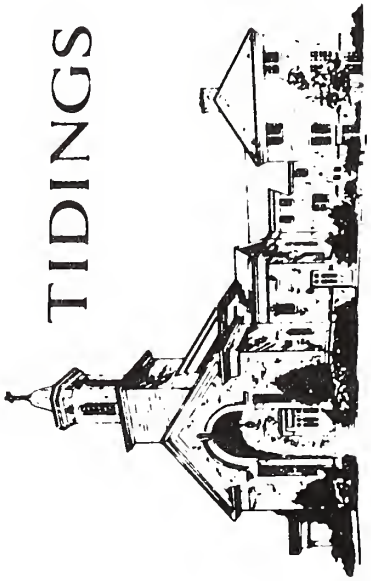

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FAMILY CAMPING AT BARBEE

September 4-7, the Christian Church in Indiana invites families to bring tents, campers, or whatever, to join together in camping. The weekend features organized activities and study for those interested, evening campfires, and the use of the beautiful Barbee facilities, including the lake. Cabins are available for those who prefer them.

Costs are from $9.50 - $21.50 for the weekend depending upon whether you use a tent or a cabin. See or call Dick Hamm for a registration blank.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY - LOUISVILLE - OCTOBER 16-21

If you haven't registered yet, call the church office to get a registration form. Louisville is so near to us that this is a great year for us to send a large delegation to this great meeting of 10,000 - 12,000 Disciples.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL, August 23, 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Under tent in front yard. Entertainment provided. Ice cream, homemade pies and cakes, and sandwiches.

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

The new Flower Chart is up! Reserve your special date on the new Flower Chart posted in the Narthex (September 1987 - August 1988). All you need do is sign up to supply flowers for Worship a given Sunday and the Worship Committee will make the arrangements for it. Indicate if you wish to honor or remember someone. The cost is $15.00, checks are made payable to First Christian Church and marked "Flowers". Thank you for your participation in this very meaningful program.

NOTES FROM SUNDAY

The elevator was dedicated! Bob & Esther Clipp rode the elevator to the fellowship hall and cut the ribbon! Movies of the construction of our building in 1951 were shown, along with slides of projects so far completed in the "We Need A Lift" Campaign. Elinor Place provided three lovely cakes for the occasion.

Thanks to Elinor and Don Wiltfong, Mike Mullen and Mildred Hartman for their work toward the celebration. Thanks to the entire Capital Campaign Committee: Ralph Church, chair, Mildred Hartman, Dick Vanderwall, Phyllis Fitch, and Curt Miller.

As the cakes said in Don's words, "Now we have a lift and we are giving a lift to others!"

There are many projects yet to be completed in this three year campaign, and it's exciting to watch it all unfold! There's more to come!

CALLER TRAINING EVENT

The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a caller training event on Saturday, August 29 at 9:00 a.m. This training is for anyone interested in church growth and welcoming newcomers. We do not expect everyone who comes to sign up for calling. This is a no commitment seminar. Please come see what Evangelism is about.

PRESS RELEASE

Job Corps, a federally funded job program will be taking applications August 24 & 25 at the United Way, 227 E. Washington, Ft. Wayne, from 10:00 - Noon & 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. each day. The Job Corps is open to young men and women, ages 16 - 21, who have dropped out of school, graduated and are unemployed. Anyone under 18 must bring a parent/guardian to the interview. You may also call 219-422-4776 August 24 & 25 or toll-free anytime (1-800-624-9191) for information.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORHSIP 8-16-87

Brian & Cindy Sears, 8230 Redstone Drive; Charles & Katie Linn, 4002 Dalewood Drive; Joann Kikly, Florida.

Sunday School Kickoff Breakfast

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AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

I enjoy Woody Allen movies, and one of my favorite lines comes from "Annie Hall." Two elderly women are at a resort in the Catskill mountains. During dinner, one says to the other, "The food here is really awful." The other replies, "Yeh, and such small portions!" Then the character Woody is playing goes on to say, "That's essentially how I feel about life. It's full of loneliness and misery and suffering and unhappiness, and it's all over much too quickly."

God's grace follows us from birth. Life comes to us as a gift. We don't choose it, we don't earn it (unless you believe in reincarnation--which I don't), and we don't deserve it. It is a gift God gives us because he rejoices in creating.

Ironically, life is a gift that, when you start using it, costs. It is like giving a child a pet and saying, "Now, you need to feed and water and play with it every day." We are given choices, we make decisions, and each one, good or bad, costs. As one of my seminary professors used to say, "You pays your money and you takes your choice!"

There are many of these "hidden costs" in life. And suffering can come unchosen and unbidden. But if you are alive, answer this question: what are you going to do with the gift you have? Then accept the price. After all, life itself is priceless.

Shalom!

-Don

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

And how did you spend your summer vacation, Dick?

Engine blows; boaters are safe

By TAMMERLIN DRUMMOND
Times Staff Writer

SEMINOLE — Fire and sheriff's officials said it was a miracle that no one was seriously hurt when a powerboat's motor exploded at a boat ramp Wednesday morning.

Richard Hamm, 39, and his daughter, Laura, 10, were stunned but safe after the 9:30 a.m. blast at the boat ramp at War Veterans Memorial Park. The park is off Bay Pines Boulevard next to the Veterans Administration Medical Center in an unincorporated area of Pinellas County.

The Hamms, visitors from Fort Wayne, Ind., had borrowed the 20-foot Webcraft powerboat from a relative and were preparing to embark on a day of pleasure boating. Hamm had put the boat in the water and had opened the engine for ventilation. When he started the engine, it exploded, blowing away the hatch cover and a chair, said William Black, Seminole fire district commander.

Hamm was hurt slightly when a piece of flying engine hit him in the ankle. His daughter was unharmed.

There was very little left of the boat, estimated to be worth $6,000, Black said.

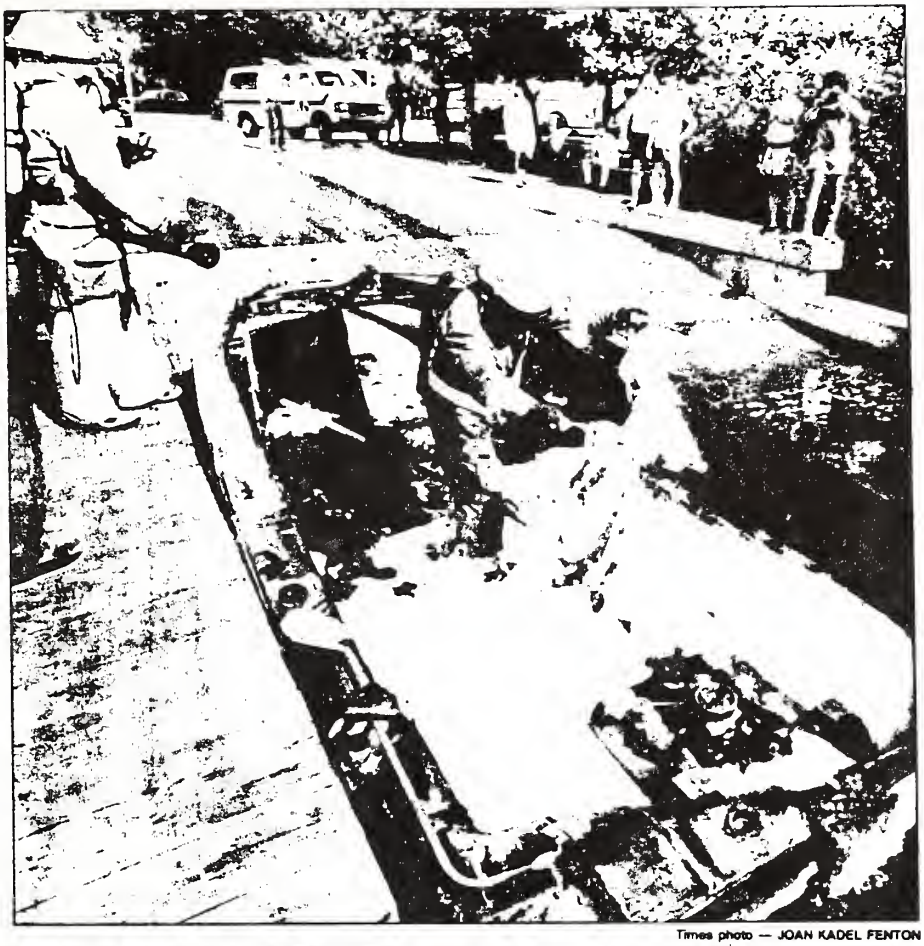
"The only thing left is the outside shell of the hull," he said.

The boat needs to have a blower operate for 5 to 10 minutes before starting the engine to empty the fumes that become trapped under the cowling, fire officials said.

Black said it was fortunate that the boat was still tied up at the dock when the accident happened.

He said firefighters extinguished the fire in minutes.

All of the fuel was contained in the boat and no other boats were damaged by the fire.



Times photo — JOAN KADEL FENTON

A firefighter sifts through the foam-covered, charred interior of the powerboat at the War Veterans Memorial Park.

Dear Friends,

This was not one of our better vacation experiences! However, I feel very fortunate that Laura and I are still here! Laura was untouched (truly miraculous), and I'll just be on a cane for a spell.

Of course, lots of questions course through your head after such an experience. Like, "why were we spared?" and "why are people sometimes not spared in such situations?" and "what does this mean?" There are no "pat" answers to such questions and one ought to make no claims of any special favor with God. On the other hand, I am thanking God everyday, and I think that's appropriate.

I'm glad to be back in the saddle, even if "listing" a bit. When people ask how vacation was otherwise, it reminds me of that old line, "Well, apart from that, how did you like the play, Mrs. Lincoln?"

See you Sunday.

Gratefully,

Dick

SERVING AUGUST 23

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and Bill Johnson

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and Mark Snyder

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer-SW, M. Snouffer-NW, M. Novachcoff, K. Graham

10:45 A.M. M. Busse-SW, J. Wagoner-NW, J. Franklin-SE, C. Falbe-NE, D. Knudsen, M. Knudsen, L. Strickland, J. McGrew

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, B. Kelly

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, S. Mullen, H. Nordblom

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph & Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Bill & Jo Franklin

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

M. Grimm - B. Grimm

D. Kampenga - J. Kelly

J. Ohneck - L. Stover

W. Westerfield - R. Stover

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K. Taylor & J. Kelly

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Grace Truby & Mabel Watson

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. Diane Mory

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

210 - Mrs. Alice Sturgis

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4:00 P.M. Chi Rho

5:30 P.M. Ice Cream Social

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

6:00 P.M. Bread For The World

7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

9:00 A.M. Caller Training Event

BIRTHDAYS AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 2

Deborha Clifton (27)

Mona Cook (28)

Nancy Smith (28)

Oakley Baugher (29)

Clarence Hendrickson (29)

Barb Hayes (31)

Gene Shirley (31)

Mildred Jewell (1)

Ruby Johns (1)

Mildred Sarrazin (1)

Raymond Sarrazin (2)

Grace Truby (2)

Evelyn Yeoman (2)

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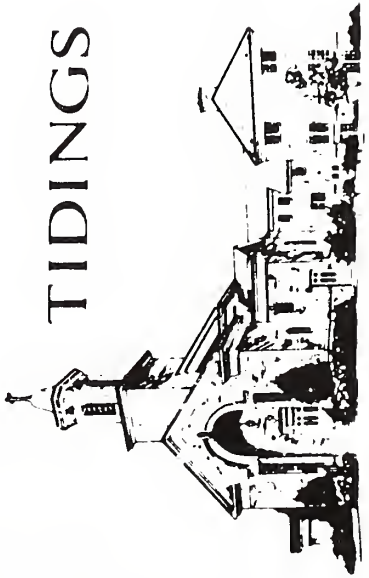

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RECEPTION FOR WILTFONGS

This Sunday, August 30, will be the Wiltfongs' last day with us at First. Therefore, you are cordially invited to a reception in fellowship hall after the 10:45 a.m. service. Refreshments will be served.

Come and celebrate Don and Beth's four years with us!

SINGLES

Campus Ministry of Fort Wayne is sponsoring a white water rafting trip for college age young people October 2-4 (Friday evening - Sunday evening). Cost for trip including transportation is $52.00. If interested, contact Dick Hamm immediately.

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Last call for persons wishing to serve as voting delegates of First Christian. Call the church office by August 30 if you are interested.

CALLER TRAINING EVENT - THIS SATURDAY

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SEARCH COMMITTEE meets Tuesday, September 1, 7:15 p.m.

the Story-Tellin' Man

A Children's Musical
about the Parables of Jesus

Words and Music by Ken Medema

Creative Arts in Worship
Wednesday Evenings
6:30 to 8 p.m
for
Children, Kindergarten - Grade 5
Beginning September 9

CHANCEL CHOIR TO BEGIN!

Members of the Chancel Choir are invited to the first practice of the year on September 3 at 7:00 p.m. in preparation for singing September 13. There will be a babysitter available for small children, and lots of lovely music to enjoy.

Any member or friend of the congregation is also invited to join the choir. We feel the more the merrier! Admission is free -- except for a love of singing. Any questions? Please call Helen at the church any afternoon. Do come, and enjoy.

SHUT-INS

The following persons are members who are shut-in their home or a residential facility. We need to keep them in our prayers. Why not remember them with a card?

Gladys Hoop	Regency Place Nursing Home
Hazel Cleaver	Regency Place Nursing Home
Pearl Heidecker	Home
Russell Sturgis	Home
Iva Imbody	Regency Place Nursing Home
Bob & Esther Clipp	Home
Florence Huddleston	Home
Mary Piatt	Home
Maude Donohue	Home
Ruby Johns	The Townhouse
Ethel King	Lawton Park Nursing Home
Helen Reynolds	Home
Anita Fitch	Regency Place Nursing Home
Helen Sheerin	Home
Herdis Helmuth	Home
Chloe Conner	Home
Cora Ann Harnish	Home
Mary Higgins	Home
Ruby Kolkman	Home
Blanche Lehman	Willow Ridge Living Center
Edythe Metcalf	Home
Ruth Norton	Home
Nellie Roe	Son's home
Arza Smith	Parnell Park Nursing Home
Thelma Swift	Home
Irene Kissinger	Home

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Peg Buskirk and her family in the recent death of her sister, Leola Wells.

CONGRATULATIONS

Jerry & Diane Blomeke have a new baby boy, Adam, born in late June. Grandparents are Russell & Nancy Watley, former members.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Well, its hard to believe. It's been four years (last June) since Don and Beth joined us here at First Christian Church. They have been good years. We asked Don to do a particular job with particular kinds of responsibilities, and he has done it well and with good humor and great dedication. It's been personally great to have Don as a colleague and I know it's going to seem strange without him here. Nevertheless, a new challenge awaits him, and us. I hope you can be here this Sunday to see off Don and Beth, Lucy and Albert. We'll all miss them very much.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. How must Moses have felt when the people made the golden calf? Maybe we'll have some idea after this Sunday's sermon: "A Visit With Moses." Read the story in Exodus.

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

It hardly seems possible this is the last article I will write for the Tidings. It has been one of my tasks for the past four years, one of many which I have enjoyed, and one of many I will miss. I will miss pulling into the parking garage of Lutheran Hospital and wondering whether the gate will open this time. I will miss the menagerie which is the Fort Wayne political scene, about which I have just begun to build an informed opinion. I will miss working with the warmly competent staff in our offices and around our building. And most of all I will miss the many friendly faces of First Christian Church, the people whom I have come to know and love.

In many ways, leaving is somewhat frightening. Familiarity is comforting. Here, I am oriented. I know the unwritten rules and the quirks of the people and the community. I know where to shop for shoes and where I can find Jicama potatoes. I know people here, and what some of the issues are in their lives. I only have an educated but still foggy idea of what I will find where I go.

It is time for the doctor to take his own advice: trust God. I feel called to do what I am doing. I believe God has good things in store for First Christian as you seek out a new staff person. Things are not and will not be perfect or simple. But God is with us, both I who leave and you who stay. And with God we can do and face anything. So, in the words of scripture, "May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent, one from another."

Shalom, My Friends!

Don

ATTENTION: CHRISTIAN WOMEN UNITED

Inter Faith Luncheon
THEME: Peace
Three Speeches: Within Ourself
Within Our Family
Within Our Country and World
at Hall's Guest House
1313 W. Washington Center Road
Monday, September 21, 12:00 NOON
Tickets cost - $6.00
Reservation deadline - September 10, 1987
Call the church office to register!

SERVING AUGUST 30

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bud Ludwig and Don Parlette

10:45 A.M. Wayne Johnson and Bert Leversee

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Myers-SW, Jt. Myers-NW, J. Lindsay, B. Lindsay

10:45 A.M. G. Lantz-SW, M. Hamm-NW, R. Stover-SE, L. Stover-NE, J. Bushey, K. Taylor, P. Tobias

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, J. Ott

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, D. Kreischer, A. Pittenger

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Neva Mennewisch

10:45 A.M. Jane & Tom Walsh

COMMUNION PREPARATION

J. Franklin & S. Callahan

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Reception to honor Wiltfongs

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Curt Miller

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

477 - Ardith Wrisk

CCU - Bob Pauley

ST. JOSEPH:

561 - Edythe Metcalf

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

9:00 A.M. Caller Training Event

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

12:00 NOON Reception honoring Wiltfongs

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

7:15 P.M. By-Laws Revision Committee

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Mildred Hogg's, 1206 Three Rivers, East

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER 3-9

Pauline Snyder (3)

Diane Mory (4)

Mark Raul (4)

George Skelton (4)

Debbie Knudsen (5)

Nila Schilling (5)

Gary York (6)

Denise Hamilton (6)

Marilyn Raul (8)

Doretha Baker (8)

Kris Ohneck (9)

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James Crouse, Columbus, IN; Mark Evans, SanDiego, CA.

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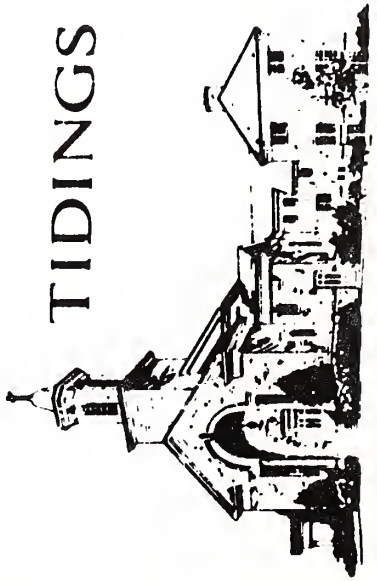

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INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP CLASS FOR CHILDREN

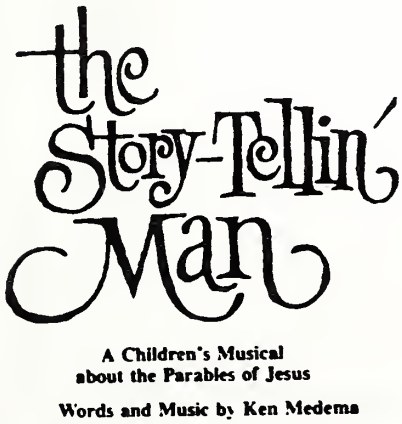
Beginning Sunday, September 13, an "Introduction to Worship" class will be offered to children in the 2nd grade. This course is intended to act as a bridge to help ease the transition from the extended session program to participation in the entire worship service. The class will meet for 4 weeks during the usual extended session period. Please call Mindy Hamm (745-4536) for further information or to register your child for this program.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Inter Faith Luncheon, Monday, September 21, 12:00 noon at Hall's Guest House, 1313 W. Washington Center Road. Cost-$6.00. Call the church office to register. Reservation deadline - September 10, 1987.

PREMARITAL SEMINAR, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2:30 - 8:00 P.M.

Anyone considering marriage, or recently married, will find this seminar helpful. Anyone married at First Christian is required to take this seminar, but others are also welcome (have some friends approaching marriage?). Please RSVP with the church office by Wednesday, September 16. Cost: zip!



Children ages 5 - 5th grade are invited to Creative Arts in Worship beginning September 9, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. We will begin the musical, The Story Tellin' Man by Ken Medema, and will sing several of the parables of Jesus. It will be a year-long theme for the program, and lends itself to the presentation of excerpts from it all during the year. Included among the stories are The Lost Coin, The Lost Sheep, The Prodigal Son, and The Good Samaritan! The children will also sing for Christmas, with the adult choir sometimes, explore instruments, enjoy drawing, and experiment a little with liturgical movement. We hope to give them many and varied opportunities to discover themselves and their own talents as well as the personality and teaching of Christ. Please bring them to us for fun and study and adventures toward commitment!

BOARD MEETING - September 8, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. The Board has several extremely important agenda items to consider.

"SECRET PLACE" DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

The new quarterly booklets are in. Pick one up this Sunday. Good food for good thoughts!

Thanks

To Sarah Circle for serving at Wiltfong's reception, to Elinor Place for the cakes. To Sue Oden for providing the ribbon & bows for the elevator dedication.

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AT FIRST CHRISTIAN

By the time you read this we will be unpacking boxes in Edinburgh. But we will be thinking of you here. Beth and I will remember Sunday for the rest of our lives. We thank you for the love gift you presented us, and more, for the love and friendship you have expressed. We will cherish the memory forever.

--Don and Beth Wiltfong

WILTFONG ADDRESS

You may write Don & Beth, Lucy & Albert, at Route 1, Box 341-B, Edinburgh, Indiana 46124.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY - LOUISVILLE - OCTOBER 16-21

If you haven't registered yet, call the church office to get a registration form. Louisville is so near to us that this is a great year for us to send a large delegation to this great meeting of 10,000 - 12,000 Disciples.

TEACHER TRAINING FOR ALL AGE LEVELS

Anyone interested in learning more about teaching in the Church is invited to attend the Associated Churches Lab School, September 18, 19, and 20 at Crescent Avenue United Methodist Church. Workshops offered will include: young children, younger elementary; older elementary; junior and senior high youth; and adults. First Christian will pay for your registration fee if you call the church and register by September 10. This will be a quality event led by professionals.

GARDNER"S OUTREACH PROJECT

Many of us gardners have produce we don't know what to do with. Here's an idea!

Gardner's bring your extra produce to church on Sunday morning and place it on the "Gardners' Table" in Fellowship Hall. Those who need food may help themselves. If those of us who take food can afford to do so, let's take one of the envelopes provided and make a small offering (whatever you think is appropriate) which will go to the Outreach and Service Committee for distribution to a hunger project. Those who need the food but can't afford to pay for it may help themselves.

Thanks to Kathy Graham for this nifty idea! At last!.....somewhere to put all that zucchini!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 8-30-87

Thelma Hallam, 426 W. Pettit Avenue; Doris Jay Eder, 705 Candlelite Court; Maybelle M. Taylor, Seminole, Florida; R.E. Eder, Knightstown, Indiana.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Some thoughts as we approach September.

1. The new program year looks exciting. We are continuing to build on our strengths and see new leadership coming forward to work side by side with old leadership. This is super.

2. The next few months will be a time for pulling together. Since we will be one staff person down for a while, I know that I will not have the time or emotional energy to do all that I do plus all that Don did. The rest of our staff will be working hard to fill the gaps, but please recognize that we'll all be "burning the candle at both ends" for a while and that some things will take longer to get to and some things will be on "hold" for a bit. The problem, of course, is that we all have different notions about what is most important to do now. If you are feeling like your priorities are being ignored or slighted, please let me know so we can think about it together -- I may agree with you and see a need to shift resources a bit.

3. Our financial needs are just as acute even though we are short one staff person. We have a $15,000.00 operational deficit that has built up over the last year or so, and the time until we secure a new staff person is a time for us to get that deficit taken care of....."keep those cards and letters coming in!"

4. Pray for our search committee that they may make an inspired selection for us to consider!

Finally, I have every confidence in our future. The search committee is looking at the whole staff configuration in light of our recent growth and our newly identified needs. It's truly exciting to be putting together a coordinated strategy for our future. We'll stay in touch with you as this proceeds.

I appreciate your prayers, understanding, and support, which I have felt all along the way. There is no finer place in the world for a minister to serve than First Christian Church, Fort Wayne!

See you Sunday!

Love, Dick

P.S. While your resting from work this Labor Day Weekend, why not come and hear a sermon on work -- it might change your whole attitude toward what you have to do, whether you work inside or outside the home.

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NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

This is to announce a new Sunday School Class has been created for children who are three years old.

We are very pleased that Lois Finkhousen will be teaching this new class which will begin on September 13.

THANK YOU

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fusselman would like to thank members of the congregation and friends for the lovely cards and greetings which came to them on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations again, Reba and Earl!

SERVING SEPTEMBER 6

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Dwain Graham and Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Don Kampenga and Liz Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson-SW, M. Novachcoff-NW, E. Snouffer, M. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. M. Piatt-SW, S. Callahan-NW, M. Crouse-SE, M. Hamm-NE, K. Tobias, J. Wagoner, D. Ross

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, C. Byrket

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, T. Davis, B. Haines

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Gini Brown

10:45 A.M. John & Barbara Clevenger

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P. Mullen - J. Myers
J. Ohneck - L. Stover
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10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild at Fern Kenline, 2614 Abbey Drive, Apt. 1
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

6:30 P.M. Elder's Meeting
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

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Janice Ashton (10)
Margo Parlette (12)
Rita Alexander (12)
Barb Finkhousen (12)
Nancy Geiselman (12)
Deann Halbrook (12)
Ruth Plummer (12)
Sandy Zimmerman (12)
Edith Varner (13)
Beulah Timmons (13)
Marvel Brickley (15)
Tracey Kiessling (15)
Edna Nordblom (15)
Almeda Rice (15)
Mindy Hamm (16)
Bruce Lehman (16)

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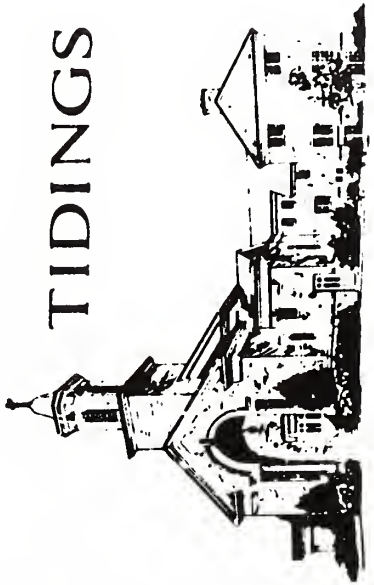

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PREMARITAL SEMINAR, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2:30 - 8:00 P.M.

Anyone considering marriage, or recently married, will find this seminar helpful. Anyone married at First Christian is required to take this seminar, but others are also welcome (have some friends approaching marriage?). Please RSVP with the church office by Wednesday, September 16. Cost: zip!

INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP CLASS FOR CHILDREN

Beginning Sunday, September 13, an "Introduction to Worship" class will be offered to children in the 2nd grade. This course is intended to act as a bridge to help easè the transition from the extended session program to participation in the entire worship service. The class will meet for 4 weeks during the usual extended session period. Please call Mindy Hamm (745-4536) for further information or to register your child for this program.

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL GREAT SUCCESS!

Thanks to the Membership Committee, Kris Ohneck, Chair, for a great social. Thanks to those who worked with her: John Ohneck, Chuck McGrew, Don & Connie Kampenga, Deb & Larry Strickland, Karen Bushey, Marge Thomas, Evelyn Yeoman, Bert Leversee, Dorothy Overmyer, Don Wiltfong, Curt Miller, and Dick Hamm.

BUS SERVICE AVAILABLE

Did you know that Sunday morning bus service is available via the PTC? Just call them at 432-4546 to arrange a ride!

THANK YOU

We, the family of Alice Sturgis, thank the ministers, Dick Hamm and Don Wiltfong, for their support and loving concern during mother's illness and death.

We also say thank you to all of the friends in church who expressed their concern and love with cards and calls.

Russell Sturgis and Family

SARAH GROUP MEETS SEPTEMBER 15

The Sarah Group of Christian Women's Fellowship, will meet Tuesday, September 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the church. This meeting will be an informal get together to acquaint prospective members and visitors with the other members of the group and their study and activities for the year. If you are not currently attending another fellowship group, you are urged to come to this special meeting.

WILTFONG LOVE OFFERING

As of the reception, the Wiltfong's gift amounted to $1,130.00! Our thanks to Mimi Westerfield for spearheading this effort. If you did not get a chance to contribute to that gift for any reason, you may still send a check to the church office and we will forward it.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Bue Tharp recently had emergency surgery, but is recuperating well.

Denise Hamilton has taken a position as Christian Education Director at St. Peters United Church of Christ in Huntington. Don Hamilton has begun a residency on the chaplain staff at Lutheran Hospital. Congratulations.

LOST

Copies of Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs, and Fireflies
Moses and the Freedom Fanatics
100% Chance of Rain

Please, mom, search under the bed and in the back of your child's closet, and in the piano bench, and return to the church copies of these if you find them! Thanks!

FOUND

Many stuffed animals in the children's choir room. They're lonesome. Its been a long summer. Please come claim them, all you who brought them on the Ark!

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CHRISTIAN LITERATURE WEEK, SEPTEMBER 20-26

Start a New Chapter, Read a Book! Watch for the sales booth in Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, September 20, and running through the 26!

SELECTING A PRIORITY FOR THE CHURCH IN THE NEXT DECADE

It is hard to choose priorities in any setting. It is especially difficult for the church when so many needs are manifested in the world God loves. The following article (a reprint from the General Board Report) tells of a resolution on priorities for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) that will come before the General Assembly in October in Louisville.

Dick

DEVELOPMENT OF VITAL CONGREGATIONS RECOMMENDED AS PRIORITY BY BOARD

The development of "vital congregations as dynamic faith communities in prophetic, redemptive and reconciling ministries to the world" is the priority which the General Board will bring to the Louisville General Assembly for adoption.

(continued next page)

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I wonder what kinds of dreams you have for First Christian? I've been thinking about this a lot lately as we have been in the process of finding a new staff person. My visions are along these lines:

--I see us growing in our personal involvement and commitment to outreach, both local and beyond. For years we have been one of the best congregations around in financial support of outreach, and certainly we hope to see this continue. But I also hope to see us deepen in our understanding of the issues that confront the world today and in our personal involvement as Christians seeking to transform the world, including our own community, into a place of peace and justice and faith.

--I see us growing in members. Numbers as members are not important, but numbers in terms of people who had little faith, little hope, no church home and who are brought into the circle of love and influence of this family of faith are important. A congregation that is faithful in service and concern for others cannot help but grow, because such a congregation is attractive. A congregation turned in on itself and preoccupied with its own needs and problems will never grow.

--I see our facility continuing to undergo renewal. The building and grounds are a reflection of the people who worship and serve here. Either the property says "this congregation wants its primary mission base to be in good shape" or it says "nothing much important is happening here". The property says "we want others to feel drawn to what and who is here" or "we don't care much about the people beyond our small circle". We have received a wonderful legacy from the generations that went before us and left us this fine facility, but we have to care for the legacy so that it will continue to enable our mission rather than becoming a liability and drain.

--I see all of this being undergirded and enabled by a deepening personal commitment to Christ and gratitude for God's love.

What do you see? I'd be interested in hearing from you.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. This Sunday I'll be preaching on "Forgiveness". This is one we all need to think about from time to time.

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In preparation for the drafting of the priority, Dr. John O. Humbert, general minister and president, conducted 20 regional listening conferences, studied the research done by the Division of Homeland Ministries, engaged in dialogue with the Council of Ministers, conducted futuring sessions with the General Board and received counsel from the Administrative Committee. As he presented the proposed priority statement to the assembled board members, he challenged them to invest themselves in refining the final proposal and to claim it as their own.

The board decision to recommend adoption of a priority to carry us into the 21st century came after long hours of reflection in which the assembled leaders struggled to understand anew the scope of faith as lived out in congregational commitments.

The parameters of the priority are expressed in relation to ten Biblical images of the church.

If adopted by the Louisville Assembly in October, every manifestation of the church will be asked to study the statement and give prayerful consideration before taking action to claim the priority for itself.

Pentecost 1988 will become the "launching" date, and a churchwide planning conference in the summer of 1988 will provide an opportunity for broadly-based participation in the development of programs and plans which will move the church toward its goal.

Herb Miller, executive director of the National Evangelistic Association, expressed his support of the priority and his belief that it is compatible with the NEA resolution calling for a "Decade of Discipling."

Eugene Frazier, Oklahoma regional minister, expressed appreciation for the inclusion of peace with justice in the body of the resolution and formally withdrew a resolution from his region asking that peace with justice be a part of the priority.

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10:45 A.M. Second Worship

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:00 P.M. Sarah Group at the church

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

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Debbie White (17)
Virginia Johnson (19)
Mary Novachcoff (19)
Rosalie Hall (20)
John Hine (20)
Klark Kerley (20)
Tom Burkett (20)
Ruth Norton (21)
Ellen Crowder (21)
Bert Leversee (22)
Michele Coleman (22)

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 9-6-87

Mrs. Michelle Coen, 4026 Hessen Cassel Road; Francis & Ann Frellick, 1705 Curdles Avenue; Josephine Meek.

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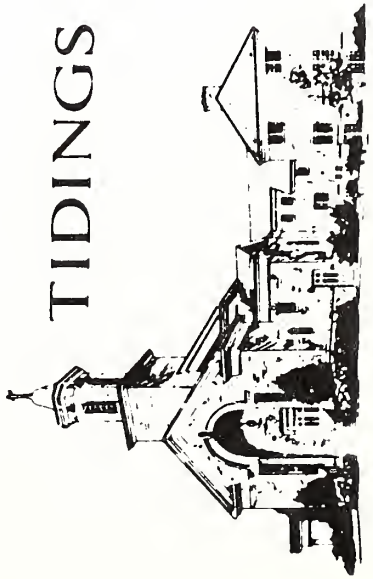

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BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY - OCTOBER 4

Bring a friend to church. The theme of our worship services will be "friendship".

D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age)

The D.M.A. (all are welcome) will meet Friday at Heritage House Smorgasbord on Lima Road at 11:45 a.m., and after lunch we'll adjourn to the zoo to see the new Australian Adventure. Come along and join the fun!

NURSERY RENOVATION COMING!

Thanks to a gift from the estate of Mabel Cross, our infant and toddler nurseries will be undergoing major renovation including: new carpet, lighting, ceilings, furniture, and equipment. The hallway leading to the nursery will also be better lighted so as to create a better atmosphere for children and parents on their way to the nursery.

An attractive, warm, well-lighted nursery department is a "must" as we seek to serve young families. Now this will be possible "over and above" the capital campaign thanks to Mabel Cross remembering the church in her will. The work will be done this fall.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE WEEK, SEPTEMBER 20-27

Start a New Chapter, Read a Book! The book display and sales will be in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 20 & 27.

WELLNESS SEMINAR

A seminar on spiritual, emotional, and physical wellness will be offered on three Wednesday nights September 30, October 7, 14, at the church, 7:15 - 8:45 p.m. Dick Hamm will lead. A test, "The Wellness Workbook" will be used and a $10.00 per person or couple fee will provide for it.

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COMMITTEES (except Stewardship, Christian Education, and Worship) will meet Tuesday, September 22, 7:00 p.m.

Christian Education will meet Wednesday, September 23, at 7:00 p.m.

Worship will meet Tuesday, October 6, 7:00 p.m.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD meets Tuesday, September 22, 6:00 p.m.

CHURCH LOYALTY MONTH

October has been designated "Church Loyalty Month". If you have not been in worship lately, please come back to church and be among friends! Check the display in the narthex for your name all during the month of October!

CROSS ESTATE REMEMBERS FIRST CHRISTIAN

Mabel Cross, long-time member of First Christian, who died January 10, 1987, remembered the church with a gift of $16,000.00! We are most grateful for this act of faith and stewardship.

Since the gift was not designated for anything in particular, it goes into our Memorial Trust Program according to a standard formula of the Program: one-fourth goes to a scholarship fund for ministerial students and interns, one-fourth goes to an endowment fund for the operation of the church, one-fourth goes to an outreach fund which will be distributed by our Outreach & Service Committee in June (with Board approval) to a Disciple outreach ministry, and one-fourth will go to a property fund to be used by the Property Committee (with Board approval) for a capital project here at First Christian (see the article on Nursery Renovation on page 1)!

We all give thanks for this wonderful gift! Anyone who wishes further information about our Memorial Trust Program may call the church office at 744-3239.

SOFTBALL TEAM VICTORIOUS!

Kirk Spencer, our team manager, presented two trophies to the congregation Sunday. One is for winning the regular season and the other is for winning the post-season tournament.

Thanks to Kirk and to all who played and who supported the team. A good time was had by all!

THANKS

To Dick Mey for assisting John Perry in the rebuilding of the north lawn sign.

To Harold Hamm for painting numerous new signs that are appearing around the building (Dick's dad in St. Pete).

To Maria VanValkenberg and Ken Taylor for serving the Sunday School Promotion Kick-off Breakfast last Sunday!

JOYS & CONCERNS

A sister of Bert Leversee's died last week in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Janet Weicker's mother, Anna Thompson, had emergency surgery at Parkview last week and is doing well.

Thelma Swift is recovering from a stroke at St. Joseph Hospital.

Mimi Westerfield is getting physical therapy (instead of surgery!) for a back ailment.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AVAILABLE TO ALL AGES

Children:	3 year olds	Lois Finkhousen
	Beginners (4 year - K)	Sherry Lytle
	Primary (R.R.- 2nd)	Sara Mullen, Jim Sablic
Junior:	3rd - 5th	Sue Brey, Nancy Smith
	6th - 8th	Betty Grimm
	High School	transitional leadership
Adults:	Gospel Seekers	Eunice Conrad
	Come Double	Bill Franklin
	Harmony	Jack Weicker
	Progressive	Rolland Ripple
	Berean	Jack Williams
	Pastor's Class	Dick Hamm
	Young Adults (under 30)	Maria VanValkenberg

Nursery service is available from 8:15 a.m. - noon each Sunday.

HELEN DONNELL HAS NEW INTERIM DUTIES

Our Minister of Music, Helen Donnell, has been increased from one-third time to two-thirds time during this interim period while the search committee is seeking a successor to Don Wiltfong. Helen's duties will include assisting Dick with pastoral care and various administrative duties, while continuing for her regular duties as Minister of Music.

SCENE FROM FIRST

Two large trophies awarded to the softball team for winning the Championship. Congratulations Kirk and the fellows!.....Sandy Zimmerman puzzling over what mothers-of-the-groom wear.....Sue Brey sharpening pencils, and checking majic markers and sharpening more pencils! How sweet it is to have supplies in order in classrooms.....Mike Piatt threading stoles to choir robes through tiny loops that Dorothy Overmyer made for the robes so that the stoles hang straight.....and putting numbers by the hooks so that everybody can find his/her own!---quickly!.....Secretaries have all manner of duties to perform -- like calling Early Elevator to rescue Dick Mey and Bill Franklin stuck with a washing machine! Not to worry, however. Our elevator girls are not only beautiful but they know how to operate it!.....Have you seen the wonderful cabinets in Diane's office! John did a super job installing them. By the way, the buzzer on the south door works well now, and loud enough to hear! Its September -- new beginnings and new excitement. Bring a friend to church!

INVITATION

Grace-St. John's United Church of Christ invites our congregation to the service of installation for their new associate pastor, Craig Amlin, Sunday, September 27, 3:00 p.m. (RSVP 745-4951).

CYF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The CYF will meet on Sunday, September 20, 6:00 p.m. for an organizational meeting. Refreshments will be served. New meeting format. Goals for the coming year. Come and help plan!

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DID YOU SEE THIS ARTICLE THAT APPEARED IN THE NEIGHBORS PAPER ON 9-2-87?

New elevator lifts spirits at First Christian Church

By CONNIE HAAS ZUBER
Of The News-Sentinel

When First Christian Church of 4800 S. Calhoun St. installed an elevator, it freed its congregation and guests from dependence on an overly steep ramp.

"It makes a big difference," said Bob Clipp, a church member who uses a wheelchair after suffering a stroke. "It's a big help."

The elevator is part of the church's capital-improvement work, funded by a campaign last year that raised about $150,000, said associate pastor Don Wiltfong.

Work began outdoors on the church driveway, which was raised to door level. A more accessible door was installed in one of the entrances. The church's heavily used side entrance is at half-level between the upper-sanctuary level and the lower fellowship-hall level.

The 600-pound elevator can carry three people, including one in a wheelchair. It provides users with safe and easy access to both floors, Wiltfong said.

Clipp agrees. After he maneuvers his wheelchair to either the sanctuary or fellowship-hall levels, "you can get around OK," he said.

Wiltfong said the access-improvement plan was in the works a long time and was promoted by members such as Clipp, "who wanted an elevator before he needed one."

The decision to raise installation funds came two years ago.

"We have some older folks who haven't been able to come (to church)," Wiltfong said.

That obstacle was overcome Aug. 16 when Clipp and his wife, Esther, dedicated the elevator by riding it to the fellowship hall and doing the honors at the traditional ribbon-cutting ceremony.

SERVING SEPTEMBER 20

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph & Judy Church
10:45 A.M. Eileen Klepfer and Mark Snyder

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson-SW, N. Mennewisch-NW, B. Lindsay, J. Lindsay
10:45 A.M. K. Taylor-SW, C. Falbe-NW, G. Lantz-SE, J. McGrew-NE, R. Stover, L. Stover, J. Bushey, J. Wagoner

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, M. Thomas
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, S. Mullen, A. Pittenger

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker
10:45 A.M. Maria VanValkenberg

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L. Johnson - E. Snouffer
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B. Ludwig -

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Marge Thomas

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Deb Rinker & Bobbi Lockhart

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317 - Mrs. Thelma Swift

CHURCH CALENDAR

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11:45 A.M. D.M.A. at Heritage House and then to the zoo

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9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
2:30 P.M. Premarital Seminar
6:00 P.M. CYF Organizational Meeting
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

12:00 NOON Church Women United Inter-Faith Luncheon at Hall's Guest House, 1313 W. Washington Center
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

6:00 P.M. Bread For The World
7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings (Worship, Stewardship, and Christian Education not meeting)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship
7:00 P.M. Christian Education Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER 24-30
Robert Petty (24)
Virginia Harter (25)
Sandra Farrell (25)
Virginia Parker (26)
Dorothy Overmyer (26)
Ellyn Kreischer (28)
Burt Long (29)
Ralph Richards (29)

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 9-13-87

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Graham, 2806 Wilderness Road; Robert Barnes, 4507 Arizona Avenue; Margaret Beerman, 15057 Winchester Road; Jane Atkins, Noblesville, IN.

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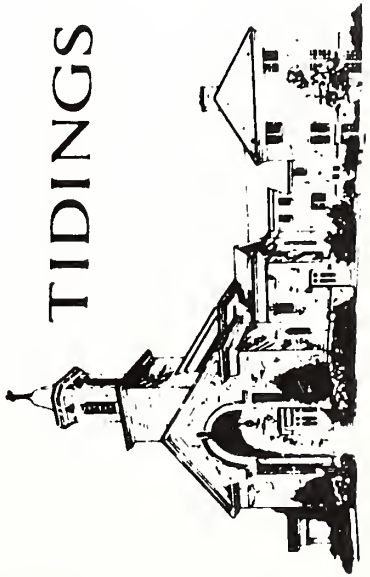

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The class starts this Sunday, September 27, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., on the upper floor of the educational building.

BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY - OCTOBER 4

Bring a friend to church. The theme of our worship services will be "friendship".

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE WEEK, SEPTEMBER 20-27

Start a New Chapter, Read a Book! The book display and sales will be in Fellowship Hall this Sunday, September 27. Last chance!

WELLNESS SEMINAR

A seminar on spiritual, emotional, and physical wellness will be offered on three Wednesday nights September 30, October 7, 14, at the church, 7:15 - 8:45 p.m. Dick Hamm will lead. A text, "The Wellness Workbook" will be used and a $10.00 per person or couple fee will provide for it.

Please make check payable to First Christian and send to the church office by Sunday, September 27, at the latest.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA

All women of the church are invited to attend a Christian Women's Fellowship Tea on Sunday, September 27th at 3:00 p.m. There will be a short presentation from each group leader telling about their circle. This is not just for present members of the C.W.F.

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USHERS

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

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Fred Grien (1)
Geraldine Hendrickson (1)
Ruby Pomeroy (1)
Anna Taylor (2)
Bruce Stone (3)
Kathlyn Banet (4)
Tim Evans (4)
Brian Hayes (5)
Jean McGrew (5)
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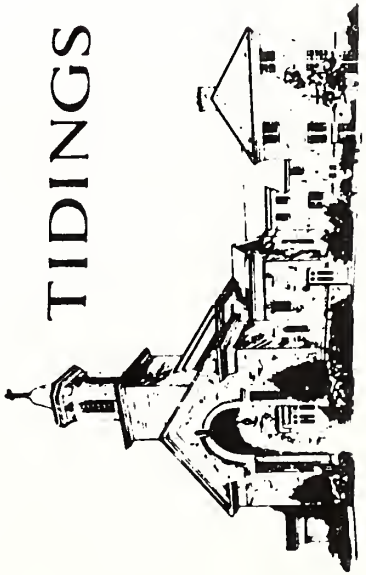

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Dick Vanderwall
Property Committee

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

bring a friend!

This Sunday, October 4

INVITATION

You are cordially invited to a reception in honor of the marriage of Eric & Robin Zimmerman on Saturday, October 10, 1987, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at First Christian Church, Fellowship Hall.

"GUESS WHO IS COMING TO DINNER"

We hope you are! The Membership Committee believes in promoting a good project.

Sunday, October 25, will be the gathering time for 8 people to meet at a host home. Sign up this Sunday, October 4 in Sunday School or church. You can also sign up at choir, at your circle meetings, or D.M.A.

Watch Tidings for future announcements.

CYF

CYF will meet at the church Sunday, October 4, 6:00 p.m. to go miniature golfing. Cost is $2.50 for golf (bring extra money if you want refreshments). We will be back at the church by 8:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Mike Piatt at 478-1215 or the church office (744-3239). If it rains, we'll do something else at the church.

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MONDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

Opening meeting will be on Monday, October 26, 9:15 a.m. in the library. Everybody is welcome!

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BREAD FOR THE WORLD CELEBRATES!

Our local Bread For The World group, which meets here at First Christian, scored another important victory for the hungry this fall. Dan Coats has become a co-sponsor of the Women Infants & Children (WIC) legislation now before congress. Many members of the church also wrote Congressman Coats about this, and your concern helped. Thanks to all who wrote.

"Bread For The World" is moving to a new meeting night. We will begin meeting on second Tuesdays beginning October 13, 6:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall.

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Dr. Hilbert Berger, 3902 Ravenscliff Place.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

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Are you an "inactive member"? That is, are you one whose name is on the rolls but who has not come to worship for some time?

--Maybe you've been thinking about coming back to worship, but something always comes up.

--Maybe you've thought about coming back but have felt too embarrassed.

--Maybe you had words with a member or a minister years ago and have never come back.

This would be a great Sunday to make a comeback! It's the beginning of a new program year for the church, and its the beginning of the rest of your life.

The church has changed since you were here last: not just physically, but in terms of whose here. For example, if you were last here five years ago, about one-third of us here have joined since you left! If it's been ten years since you were here, about half of us have joined since you left. This means the entire direction and atmosphere of the church has changed since you were last here.

Why not come back and see how it is at First Christian these days? We won't make you feel guilty, we'll just be glad to have you back!

See you Sunday.

Love,

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SCENE FROM FIRST

We don't know about "scene", but it smells like paint!.....Dick Mory - first customer for the elevator on Sunday morning.....Animals from Noah's Ark finding their way into the loving arms of their owners.....Good comments about the October calendar sent with Tidings last week. Do please, get your events for November in by October 23..... Kris Ohneck - chairperson of the Regional, 1989 Women's Retreat Committee!.....Who says no one reads the Parson to Person column? The following not appeared in Dick's mailbox in response to last week's column:

"Sorry about your accident but don't think you are excused from paying me back the $100.00 you borrowed just before your vacation." It was signed by Mel Busse.

FORT WAYNE CHILDREN"S CHOIR

On Sunday, October 11, the Fort Wayne Children's Choir, directed by Jocelyn Basse, will be a part of our 10:45 a.m. service. The choir is sponsored in part by the Fort Wayne Fine Arts Foundation. The children sing often throughout the Fort Wayne area, and this summer enjoyed a Canadian tour. We are excited about their visit to First Christian. Jim Davis is a member of the choir, and his mother Sara Davis is the assistant director.

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Kathy Graham (10)
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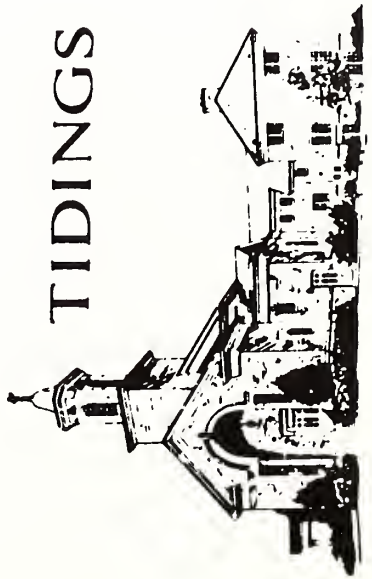

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The congregation is invited to bring friends, and we hope many of our children will be present to enjoy this beautiful children's choir. It will be a rare privilege to have them.

SAM SMITH PLAYS THIS WEEKEND

On Saturday evening October 10 at 8:00 p.m., and on Sunday afternoon, October 11 at 2:30 p.m., our own Sam Smith will be the soloist with the Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra at the Performing Arts Center. Sam is principal cellist with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, and will be playing Tschaikovsky's Rococco Variations.

From the church family, Sam, congratulations. Our spirits are with you -- (and the whistles and shouts from the audience (?) will be from those of who will be there to hear the performance!

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We will meet in our church parking lot at 11:30 a.m. and leave for Marion at 11:45. At 1:30 p.m. we will lead a Devotional Program and Group Singles in their Chapel followed by a brief tour of the facility. It is always a pleasant, rewarding experience to visit this excellent retirement center that is home to many of our Brotherhood. If you can join us, contact Linda Stover at 745-0252 or the church office.

CHURCH LOYALTY MONTH

We are keeping attendance in the narthex on display cards. Check for your name. Why not go for perfect attendance this month?

"GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER"

We hope you are! The Membership Committee believes in promoting a good project.

Sunday, October 25, will be the gathering time for 8 people to meet at a host home. Sign up this Sunday in Sunday School or church. You can also sign up at choir, at your circle meetings, or D.M.A.

Watch Tidings for future announcements.

D.M.A. TO FORT!

The D.M.A. will go to lunch at 11:45 a.m. Friday, October 16, and then on to the Old Fort for a delightful trip into history. All welcome! Call Dick if you need a rids.

ATTENTION: ACOLYTES!

There will be an important meeting for all acolytes this Saturday, October 10, at 10:00 a.m. at the church.

CYF - MEET AT THE CHURCH THIS SUNDAY AT 6:00 P.M. TO GO TO PIZZA HUT TO DISCUSS THE RETREAT. BRING MONEY TO COVER THIS!

A SPECIAL INVITATION - TO CELEBRATE WITH FRED & RYCHIE SMELL

I am inviting you to share in celebrating the 50th wedding anniversary of my parents at a reception in their honor Saturday, October 24, 1987 at their home in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

I am suggesting that you participate in this celebration by helping me compile a book which will recall memories from their fifty years of marriage. If you could contribute and return to me by October 15, 1987, one or more written and/or photos of events you have shared with them.

I believe your presence in October and the memories they have shared with you would be the most treasured remembrance of this special occasion. Therefore, I respectfully request that no other gifts be sent.

Arlene Skinner
5410 North Drexel
Indianapolis, IN 46220

ANOTHER SPECIAL INVITATION

The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Edinburgh, Indiana, cordially invites you to attend the installation of the Reverend Donald W. Wiltfong, as Minister, Sunday, October 11, 1987, 10:30 a.m., 306 South Walnut Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

AND ANOTHER SPECIAL INVITATION

You are cordially invited to a reception in honor of the marriage of Eric & Robin Zimmerman on Saturday, October 10, 1987, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at First Christian Church, Fellowship Hall.

THANKS

To Chuck McGrew for making Loyalty Month posters. To Dave Kreischer for doing painting in the office hallways. To Linda & Ray Stover for hosting the softball team cookout. To Bette Haines for organizing and recruiting the following people who helped prepare the mailing of the Membership Directory: Ruth Yentes, Dave Kreischer, Ruth Yost, Mildred Hartman, Mildred Hutchinson, Mabel Watson, Grace Truby, John & Jo Weyer, Jackie Keller, Ann Pittenger, Brenda Kelly, Ruth & Earl Plummer, Coleen Wilcoxson, Shirley Dibble, Kate Cullen, Harold Nordblom, and Evelyn Yeoman.

THANK YOU

A very special thank you to all of you for your prayers, calls, and cards, at the time of my brother's death.

In love,
Evelyn Yeoman

JOYS

Cheryl Laymon and Mike Zurcher became husband and wife Saturday, October 3 at the church. Dick presided.

MONDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

This is a long standing Bible Study group that meets fall-spring. All are welcome to attend beginning again Monday, October 26, 9:15 a.m. in the library.

NEEDED - HANDYPERSONS!

Have you ever installed a dropped ceiling? Do you think you could learn how?

It's not hard, and we have a number of ceiling projects to do in our building. If you would be willing to be part of a "ceiling crew" to work from time to time at your convenience over the next several months, give Dick Hamm a call this week, please! Call 744-3239.

PLAYER PIANO AVAILABLE

Max Finkhousen has a player piano, suitable for restoring, for sale. Call Max at 456-8178. You may see it at the church.

WANTED - HAMMOND ORGAN

John Phillips would like to buy a Hammond B-3 or B-2, model #31H, 21H, 22H, 122W or 146W. Call him at 447-4633.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

In conversations with several people after worship yesterday (about the sermon), I realized that there are a lot of us who had very lonely childhoods with few or none of those friends I was talking about. Even if that was the case for you, however, it's never too late to start making friends, and we do need these special people who serve as a sign and a symbol of God's love for us. My suggestions were these: re-establish some old friendships (if this applies), write more letters and file those you receive for later reading, look around you and see all the potential friends. But don't seek to make friends so much as to be a friend.

I was pleased to see several members brought friends to second service yesterday. I hope they return and that you will invite them back. That's the way we grow.

I want to thank Sue Brey, chair of Christian Education and her committee, for carrying on in such fine style in this interim period. Sue is a real organizer! The search committee will be interviewing candidates within a week. We have resume's from twelve different people, so we are hopeful for a quick conclusion to this process.

See you Sunday! Enjoy this beautiful fall!

Love,

Dick

P.S. I think you'll find Sunday's sermon interesting. It's entitled "What If?". What if Peter had had his way at Caesarea Philippi? Read Matthew 16:13-26.

ATTENTION WOMEN OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

C.W.F. solicits the help of all women of the church to assist with our selected Service Projects for '87-'88.

1. To assist the Woodhaven Learning Center in obtaining needed playground and learning equipment, we ask you to save the following: the front portion of the labels of all canned Campbell Soups, Pork & Beans, Tomato & Vlasic Pickles. On Swanson Frozen Food Products, Recipe Dog Food Treats and Dinner Rounds, save the Purchase Confirmation Seals. On 12 oz. frozen concentrate of Juiceworks 100% Pure Fruit Juices, save the Universal Product Codes. Place these items in the collection box on the cupboards in Fellowship Hall.

2. With Bette Jones' assistance, we are continuing the long-standing collection of cancelled stamps. This year the stamps will be sent to the Piney Woods School where students will prepare them for sale to stamp dealers in order to earn funds for their projects. Remember to leave at least ¼" of a border around each stamp. The collection box for these is on the cupboard in Fellowship Hall.

3. For our local service project we are going to support a special need of women who seek temporary shelter at the Women's Division of the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission. There is an ongoing need for the costly supplies of personal sanitary items. There is a collection box on the cupboards in Fellowship Hall for the items or for coupons that can aid in the purchase of them. To make a monetary contribution to this project, please make checks payable to C.W.F., First Christian Church with a notation, "Rescue Mission Project". They can be turned in at any C.W.F. Group monthly meeting or mailed to the church office in care of the CWF Treasurer.

4. Do you like to do simple sewing? The Emily Flinn Retirement Home in Marion is in need of Bedside Caddies to hold small items. A simple pattern is available from any CWF group Service committee member or from me.

5. Church World Service is requesting individual sewing kits for under-developed countries and for areas having suffered disasters. This pattern and suggestions for contents is available from CWF group Service committee members or from me.

I hope you will find some of our projects appealing and that you will wish to contribute a portion of your time, talent, and treasure to assure their successful completion.

In Christian Love,
Janet Weicker, C.W.F. Service Chairwoman

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 10-4-87

Rachel Lamb, 6310 Southcrest; Dean Snow, 2834-7 Northgate; Kathryn Scherrer, 14302 Connors Road, Peggy Bandt, 2712 Ridge Valley Drive.

SERVING OCTOBER 11

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Dwain Graham and Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Wes Westerfield and Liz Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Lindsay-SW, B. Lindsay-NW, S. Smith, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. R. Stover-SW, L. Stover-NW, K. Taylor-SE, J. Wagoner-NE, M. Hamm, M. Knudsen, D. Knudsen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, Arabelle Kreischer

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, T. Davis, M. Westerfield

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Knudsen's & S. Smith

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Burt & Connie Long

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Nedra Feeley & Sue Stow

ACOLYTES

Becky Feeley & Tracy Critell

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Laura York

10:45 A.M. Sara Mullen

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

473 - Mr. Walter Bowen

ST. JOSEPH:

411 - Mrs. Donna Byers

717 - Mrs. Thelma Swift

MISSING

The white eyelet tableskirt that is used for wedding receptions and 2 linen tablecloths. Do you know their whereabouts? If so - call the church office.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:30 A.M. Share the Care Day

10:00 A.M. Acolyte Meeting

2:00 P.M. Zimmerman Reception

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship (Ft. Wayne Children's Choir)

6:00 P.M. CYF (Meet at the church, then to Pizza Hut)

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild at Lorea Kuhlman's, 5308 Stonehedge Blvd, Apt. 2

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group

12:45 A.M. Rachel Group at the church

6:00 P.M. Bread For The World

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades K-5th

7:15 P.M. Wellness Seminar

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

11:45 A.M. D.M.A. out to lunch & then to the Fort

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky

BIRTHDAYS OCTOBER 15-21

Charles Harshbarger (15)
Edna Vaught (15)
Dick Ashton (15)
Eric Baugher (16)
Herb Banet (17)
Ruth Ogles (17)
Patricia Sablic (17)
Charles Byrket (18)
Ann Pittenger (18)
Fred Warner (18)
Tim Knuckles (19)
Deanna Roseberry (20)
Leotha Jones (21)
Sarah Patton (21)

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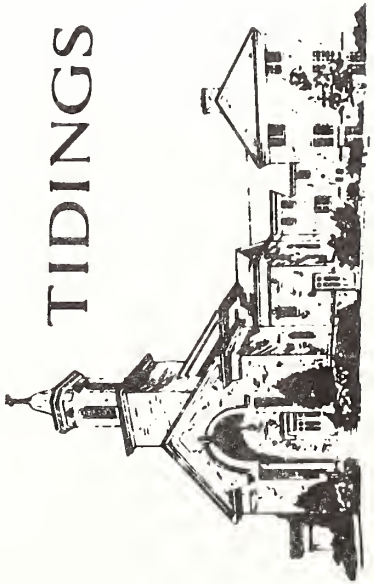

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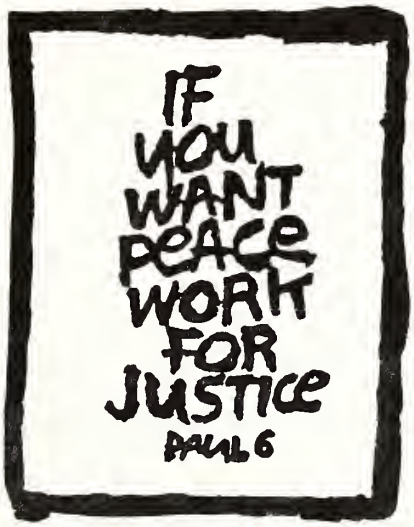

Peace With Justice Week -
October 16 - 24
Matthew 22:15-22
The Common Denominator

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NOTE: THE 3 YEAR OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS HAS BEEN CANCELLED!

You are invited to hear...

"Raising Children Conservatively in a Sexually Permissive World"

with Dr. Sol Gordon

Sol Gordon, Ph.D., is the founder of the Institute for Family Research and Education at Syracuse University. Dr. Gordon has authored numerous books and articles, including *The Teenage Survival Book, When Living Hurts,* and *Raising a Child Conservatively in a Sexually Permissive World.* He has been featured on popular TV and radio talk shows around the country, including the Today Show, 60 Minutes, the Phil Donahue Show, and Good Morning America.

The Fort Wayne Jewish Federation and Achduth Vesholom Temple are pleased to bring Dr. Gordon to Fort Wayne for an open community discussion.

DATE:	Saturday, October 24, 1987
TIME:	7:30 p.m.
PLACE:	The Temple 5200 Old Mill Road (parking available in Temple lot)
WHO:	***Free*** and open to the community; teenagers invited

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call Fort Wayne Jewish Federation, 422-8566

JOYS & CONCERNS

Donna Byers has gone home from the hospital, but will receive further treatment in a week or so for a kidney stone.

Deb & Larry Strickland, Jill, Jodi, Jena, and Brie, are leaving for Lexington, Kentucky due to a promotion. Congratulations, but we'll miss you!

THANK YOU!

The "Share the Care Day" crew got a lot done Saturday under Dick Vanderwall's leadership. Thanks to Jim & Neva Mennewisch, John Weyer, Dick Mey, John Perry, Laura York, Mildred Hartman, and to Jim Bushey for providing a truck and tools.

Thanks to those who have been painting and otherwise helping in the office moving and refurbishing: John Ohneck, Ray & Linda Stover, Dave Kreischer, and Judy Mey. John Perry has donated extra hours, too!

SCENE FROM FIRST

A direct quote from a stalwart bass: "The purpose of singing in an ensemble first service is going out to breakfast afterward." We were grateful to hear him amplify that just a little but later on.....Wonder what children in churches which do not have climbable trees right outside the door do while they are waiting for parents!..... Running out of bulletins first service, a neat problem! How about running out of them second service?.....Offices in utter chaos because of new carpet going down, and painting, another neat problem!.....Stars in crowns go to Dave Kreischer, John Ohneck, Vince Wells, Wayne Donnell, Linda Stover, Judy Mey for all their help to the staff while confusion reigned and the work went on - spasmodically, between loads upstairs, and finding lost things! Many thanks.....But the neatest problem of all would be Sunday School rooms overflowing with children!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

As you read this I should be at General Assembly in Louisville. It promises to be an interesting meeting this year (it meets every other year) with some 10,000 Disciples gathered in the convention center. Helen Donnell will be filling our pulpit Sunday (I'll be eager to hear what she said on tape!).

It's exciting to see the offices getting refurbished. I've moved up on the upper lever (nearer my God to Thee?) in order to have more space. The new carpet has shown just how bad the old carpet had gotten, and has quieted down the upper level. Moving into my new space is taking a long time to complete - I bring a few things up each day and also fill a trashbag (makes me wonder why I ever thought some of that stuff should be saved)!

Wasn't the Fort Wayne Children's Choir great Sunday? So was the crowded sanctuary (I could get used to that)!

Our search committee continues its work. I came across a little piece that appeared in "Dear Abby's column" recently (courtesy Dick Vanderwall). It's a good thing for search committees to read!

Dear Abby: One of the toughest tasks a church faces is choosing a good minister. A member of an official board undergoing this painful process finally lost patience. He'd watched the Pastoral Relations Committee reject applicant after applicant for some fault, alleged or otherwise. It was time for a bit of soul-searching on the part of the committee. So he stood up and read a letter purporting to be from another applicant.

"Gentlemen: Understanding your pulpit is vacant, I should like to apply for the position. I have many qualifications ... I've been a preacher with much success and also had some success as a writer. Some say I'm a good organizer. I've been a leader most places I've been.

"I'm over 50 years of age. I have never preached in one place for more than three years. In some places I have left town after my work has caused riots and disturbances. I must admit I have been in jail three or four times, but not because of any real wrongdoing. My health is not good, though I still get a great deal done. The churches I have preached in have been small, though located in several large cities. I've not got along well with religious leaders in towns where I have preached. In fact, some have threatened me and even attacked me physically. I am not too good at keeping records. I have been known to forget whom I have baptized.

"However, if you can use me, I shall do my best for you."

The board member looked over the committee. "Well, what do you think? Shall we call him?"

The good church folks were aghast. Call an unhealthy, trouble-making, absent-minded ex-jailbird? Was the board member crazy? Who signed the application? Who had such colossal nerve?

The board member eyed them all keenly before he answered. "It's signed, 'The Apostle Paul.'"

See you next Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. In case of emergency, Helen is available and I'm just a short drive away until I return on Thursday, October 22.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 10-11-87

Mary Louise Lazoff, 4014 Bowser Avenue; David Fife, 4014 Bowser Avenue; Leoma Wartenbe, 2601 Strathmore; Jan Dwiggins, 1914 Emma; Mary Geimer, 440 Violet Court; Jennifer Brooks, 23172 Point West Drive; Robert Bunger Family, Albion, IN; Edna Fishbaugh, Bluffton, IN; Lawrence Cordier & Family, OH; Brian & David Porter; Brad Gwater, Alma, Nebraska, + 37 choir members and family as visitors.

SERVING OCTOBER 18

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Crouse and Bud Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Pat Mullen and Bert Leversee

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer-SW, M. Snouffer-NW, J. Kelly, K. Graham

10:45 A.M. J. Bushey-SW, J. McGrew-NW, D. Ross-SE, K. Ohneck-NE, C. Miller, D. Miller, M. Piatt, J. Franklin

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, C. Byrket

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, E. Nordblom, A. Pittenger

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

C. Olson - D. Mey
W. Westerfield - M. Novachcoff
J. Ohneck - K. Ohneck
M. Grimm - B. Grimm

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

7:30 P.M. Sol Gordon at the Temple

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Ted Pfenning (22)
Bill Love (22)
Paula Meadows (23)
Don Pomeroy (23)
Thomas Mathis (25)
Steve Mullen (25)
Fred Smell (26)
Carolyn Bernhard (27)
Sue Creager (28)

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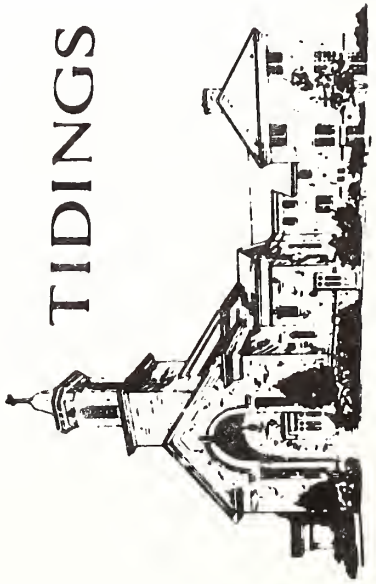

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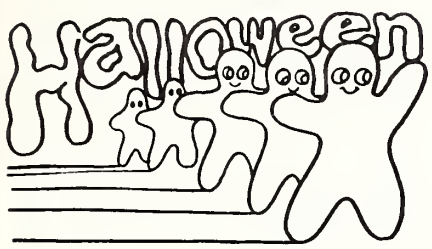

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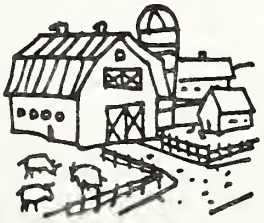
DR. SOL GORDON - DR. ROBERT COLLIE

Two very helpful events are coming up of particular interest to concerned parents and other adults.

Dr. Sol Gordon, author of "Raising Children Conservatively in a Sexually Permissive World," will be speaking at Achduth Vesholom Temple Saturday, October 24, at 7:30 p.m. First Christian Church, along with other organizations, is one of the sponsors. Dr. Gordon is well known as an educator promoting the ideals of self-respect and respect for the rights of others. With the enormous peer pressure on our young people, not all of it wholesome, the evening of lecture and discussion promises to hold some important guidelines for parents.

The evening is free and open to the community.

On Sunday morning, November 1, during the Sunday School hour, Dr. Robert Collie, Director of the Samaritan Counseling Center, will be speaking about alcoholism, and the role of the church, its opportunities for ministry in this area. Alcoholism as a problem relating to the families of alcoholics, can be as serious for them as for the alcoholic person. The Committee on Outreach invites all adults and youth to this lecture and discussion time by this well-known and respected Ft. Wayne Counselor.



HALLOWEEN HAYRIDE

Members of the Chancel Choir and their families, and members of the Carillon and their families will be enjoying a hayride and cook-out over a blazing fire at Meyer's Barn Friday night October 30 at 7:00 p.m. Cost is $2.50 per adult and $1.50 per child.

Choirs can be ghosts and goblins as well as angels!

NEW CHILD CARETAKER!

We are pleased to announce that Nancy Kirtman will be taking care of our little ones on Sunday mornings, for choir practices, and for committee meetings. If you need her for other special occasions at the church, call the office for arrangements.

AN OPEN LETTER TO PARENTS FROM THE STAFF

Dear Friends,

We are writing this because we are feeling somewhere between very concerned to downright worried. The children and young people are not taking advantage of the multiple programs of the church, geared especially for them, that we wish they would. There is church school for all ages, Creative Arts in Worship on Wednesdays for children K-5th grade, CYF for High School kids Sunday evenings, and a Chi Rho group for Junior Highs soon to be started. It is a shame that these important activities are so poorly attended, for all of us in leadership positions, professional and volunteer, are working hard to provide creative and solid Christian educational training for all our youth.

We are certainly aware and appreciative of the myriads of opportunities for our young people in the schools and in the community, but we also know that many of them do not re-enforce the ideals of goodness, integrity, and basic principles of the Christian faith the way programs of the church do. In this critical age of drug abuse, alcohol abuse, Aids, sometimes cruel competition, it seems to us that the church is a vast resource of positive attitudes and guidelines which could help our youngsters discover their own worth, navigate the highways and byways through Junior and Senior High successfully, make difficult decisions as they are torn by peer pressure, in a loving and supportive atmosphere and community. We want to be able to undergird our families as the children are growing into responsible, caring awareness and maturity.

In our survey recently the outstanding need felt by the members of this congregation was for strong Christian Education. That need was underscored time and time again. The programs are in place. Please bring the children and youth to us so that we can support all the strengths you want them to have, grounded in the justice, mercy, and compassion of God.

P.S. It is a mistake to think of Creative Arts as being strictly music. True, that is what the congregation sees on an occasional Sunday morning, but the lessons contained in their anthems and musicals, committed to memory, are valuable life-time lessons, and they have been taught in many ways other than by singing. Singing is only the audible result, the tip of the iceberg.

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The letter above was recently sent to parents of children age 2 years and above. Our concern is genuine.

Because of this concern, we also encourage your interest in the evening at Temple Achduth Vesholom with Dr. Sol Gordon, and the Sunday School hour here at First Christian on November 1 with Dr. Robert Collie. These two men are very well-trained and experienced in their respective fields.

JOYS

Peggy & Tom Wells have a new baby boy! Thomas Lee, Jr. (T.J.) was born Wednesday, October 14 and weighed 9 pounds, 14 ounces!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, October 25, is the "Week of the Ministry" here at First Christian. We will take the opportunity to recognize our staff and the several ministers who are active in our congregation. You may be surprised at the number!

I'll be back from General Assembly by the time you read this. This biennial family reunion is a great experience.....I wish more of us had been there. Perhaps more will make it in '89, since it's to be in Indianapolis.

See you Sunday. Hasn't it been a stunning autumn?

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday's sermon will be "Bear One Another's Burdens", based on Galatians 6:1-5.

REMINDER: Fred & Rychie Smell will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, October 24, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at their home. All invited!

YOUTH NEWS.....

C.Y.F. will leave Friday, October 23, at 6:00 p.m. from the church to go to Camp Barbee for the weekend. Cost is $10.00. If you come to Camp Barbee on Saturday, the cost will be $5.00. We should be back to the church on Sunday, October 25 by 12:00 noon or 1:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY DINNER & BAZAAR

Saturday, October 24, the C.W.F. of Saturn Christian Church will sponsor a dinner and bazaar from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. All welcome!

SCENE FROM FIRST

Offices gradually taking on shape and personality after moves, and new paint, and new carpet.....Wonderful plants from various sources warming up corners.....Children excited about singing Sunday.....David Orr ecstatic because Homestead Band made it to State on Saturday.....Genevieve and Rolland Ripple staying extra time to help food bank recipients.....Nervous tenors and basses coming early to practice on Sunday morning -- thanks, guys! Neat Men's Chorus!.....We've heard from Homestead. What about the other Bands and Choirs and their honors? Let us know.....Welcome to Nancy Kintman in the Child-Care department!.....Have you noticed the fall decoration near the elevator? Judy Mey prepared it. Lovely!.....Happy Autumn!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 10-18-87

Christina Williams, 7037 Strawberry Drive; Mary Woollan, 208 E. Fleming Avenue; Babs Wilkerson, 208 E. Fleming Avenue; Tom, Barb, Damian & Natalie Rogers, 209 Elmer Avenue; Greg, Chandra & Kaylie Duncan; Mr. Chris Danielson, 1319½ W. Wayne Street; Claude, Margaret, Len & B.J. Schrork, New Haven, IN; Mr. & Mrs. A.F. Gerig, Grabill, IN; John Glass, Spencerville, IN.

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ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and Don Parlette

10:45 A.M. John Ohneck and Wayne Johnson

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8:15 A.M. J. Myers-SW, Jt. Myers-NW, M. Novachcoff, S. Smith

10:45 A.M. M. Busse-SW, S. Zimmerman-NW, D. Mey-SE, J. Mey-NE. L. Strickland, S. Callahan, C. Falbe, M. Hamm

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8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

6:00 P.M. "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

9:15 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings (C.E. not meeting)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades K-5th

7:00 P.M. Christian Education Committee

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir & Carillon Choir Hayride at Meyer's Barn

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:00 P.M. Church Wide Halloween Party

BIRTHDAYS OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 4

Deb Rinker (29)
Hazel Cleaver (30)
Gary Falbe (31)
Helen Foltz (31)
Gus Mueller (31)
Charles Schnobel (31)
James Shirley (31)
Sharon Eme (1)
Hendis Helmuth (1)
Coleen Wilcoxson (1)
Violet Wuthrich (1)
Joseph Wiley (1)
Judy Church (2)
Audrey Conkwell (2)
Jack Brickley (3)
Donna Chapin (3)
Ruth Stone (4)
Bruce Finkhousen (4)
Jane Walsh (4)

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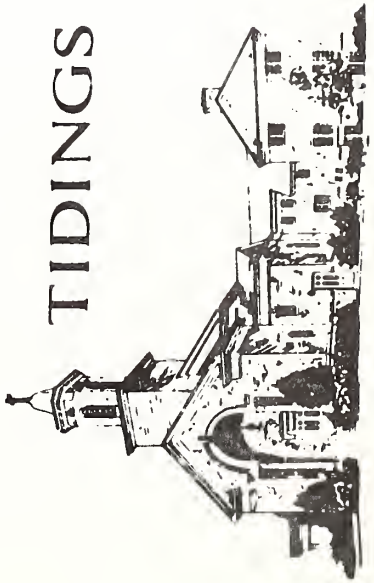

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Glenna Chandler united with our congregation Sunday, transferring her membership from First Baptist Church, Princeton, West Virginia. Glenna is an active member of the choir. Welcome Glenna!

HALLOWEEN PARTY, OCTOBER 31, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Costumes required by all. Intergenerational event. Activities for all ages. Bring an item for food bank and a bag of candy or treat to share with the ghosts and goblins. Plan to attend as a family.

CALLING ALL DINKS!

That's right! We now have a fellowship group for DINKS (double-income-no-kids). Even if you don't have double income, come and join the fun with other couples at Wayne and Liz Johnson's, (4531 Calumet Avenue), Saturday, November 7, 7:30 p.m. Please RSVP with Wayne & Liz at 744-3670!

HARVEST DINNER, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 12:00 NOON

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COMMITMENT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Yes, it's that time of year again when we need to be thinking about what our gift to the church will be in 1988. So many exciting things are happening at First Christian, and our continued good stewardship will assure a bright future.

But more important even than supporting our budget, is the spiritual growth and power we experience when we stretch ourselves as stewards. The heart of the Christian life is commitment, and there is no more concrete and meaningful way to express and develop commitment than through our financial life.

We have for years emphasized tithing as a worthy goal for each of us to seek (tithing means giving 10% of our income to others through the church and other charitable organizations). Tithing is a goal not many of us can achieve in one year, so we are encouraged to increase our giving each year by one percent of our income to help us move toward the tithe in steps. We hope this will be possible for you in 1988, although not everyone is able to do so.

May God bless you with great vision as you challenge yourself to grow as a Christian steward in 1988!

SEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING - Monday, November 2, 7:15 P.M.

ELDERS' STUDY & MEETING - Saturday, November 7, 8:00 A.M.

PRAYER & CONCERN

Our prayers are lifted up for the family of Mel Busse, who died suddenly last week at the age of 45. We lift up wife Barb, mother Lillian, sons Chris and Matt, sister Carolyn Falbe, brother Larry, grandmother Ethel King, and all the rest of the family. The family has asked that memorials go to the church music fund.

Donna Byers had treatment at Lutheran Hospital last week and is doing well.

Chloe Conner, one of our shut-ins, is in St. Joseph Hospital but hopes to go home soon.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following 2nd graders have recently completed the Introduction to Worship class and received a Good News New Testament as a gift from our congregation: Michelle Callahan, Megan Geroff, Christie Glasgow, Kyle Kerley, George Smith, and Michael Stow. Congratulations children, and welcome to our worshipping family!

AIDS AWARENESS WEEK

There are many AIDS educational events around the city this week. Learn about this disease that is touching us all.

One event is a play "After I'm Done Singing" at IPFW Theater by Greg Manifold, directed by Larry Life, 8:00 p.m., October 29, 30, 31. Our own Gail Westerfield will appear in this play. Reservations may be made by calling 481-6555.

HELP NEEDED

Bob & Esther Clipp need help occasionally in order to get Bob out of the house and to see something besides his four walls. If you would be willing to help for a couple of hours once a month, please call Dick Hamm at 744-3239.

FROM THE OFFICE

When making contributions on Sunday mornings, please write on the face of your offering envelope and on your check the amount or amounts and the fund or funds to which your gifts are to go. This will better assure proper credit on your stewardship record and will assist our counters and recorder. Thanks!

C.W.F. GENERAL MEETING AND CRAFT DAY - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

The C.W.F. will have a general meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. followed by a continental breakfast. Group will then divide into interest areas.

NOVEMBER IS BLANKET MONTH

Our Christian Women's Fellowship is sponsoring "Blanket Month" during November for Church World Service, with special emphasis to the congregation on "Blanket Sunday", November 15. A gift of $5.00 will pay for a versatile, good quality Church World Service Blanket that in times of disaster can serve as a temporary tent, a privacy partition, a carry-all for belongings or a hammock, as well as a cover. Monies for this project can be given at the November C.W.F. meetings or can be given to the church with special designation noted "For Blanket Month". Good, clean used blankets may be donated and should be placed in the "Blanket Box" located under the table in front of the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall during November. WHEN YOU GIVE THE COMFORT OF A WARM BLANKET, YOU SHARE THE JOY OF SERVING OTHERS.

CYF

The CYF will have a prayer meeting on Sunday, November 15 at 6:00 p.m. Any prayer requests from the congregation may be sent to the church office.

NAOMI GROUP

The Naomi Group will meet on Thursday, November 5 at 9:30 a.m. at Almeda Rice's, 3402 River Forest Drive. Don't forget items for the Mission!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 10-25-87

Barb & Karin Browning, 1951 Woodhaven Drive; Val Herendeen, 820 Pasadena Drive; Terry & Diane Johnson & family, 8203 Twin Oaks Drive; Louis & Jean Busse, Wilmington, Delaware; Bob & Judy Kheel, Columbus, OH; Reita Martin, Texas; Chris Starkey.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Mel Busse's death certainly came as a shock to everyone. Our hearts go out to Barb, the kids, and all the family. Whenever someone so young dies so suddenly, it gives us pause. Besides the concern we feel for the family, we are also forced to look again at our own mortality, which can be both helpful and unsettling.

We are so isolated from death and suffering (with notable exceptions!) as Americans of the 80's, that we tend to forget that there is a whole other world and life beyond this one. Certainly we should take this world and life seriously, but not too seriously. As people of faith, we should know that we are on an eternal pilgrimage and, as important as the here and now is, there are parts of our pilgrimage to come, about which we know very little except that God loves us and it will be O.K. Knowing this, perhaps we can live this life with a little more perspective.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

p.s. My sermon Sunday is entitled "Visitations" based on Luke 19:41-44.

Dr. Robert Collie

This Sunday morning, November 1, during the Sunday School hour, Dr. Robert Collie, Director of the Samaritan Counseling Center, will be speaking about alcoholism, and the role of the church, its opportunities for ministry in this area. Alcoholism as a problem relating to the families of alcoholics, can be as serious for them as for the alcoholic person. The Committee on Outreach invites all adults and youth to this lecture and discussion time by this well-known and respected Ft. Wayne Counselor.

LARGEST BEQUEST EVER MADE

An $8 million gift, the largest bequest ever made to a Protestant church has been made to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) by Othel and DeWitt Brown. The money has been invested and will yield approximately $500,000.00 for Basic Mission Finance each year!

Othel Fiers Brown was the sister of past General Minister and President Dale Fiers. Dale was at the General Assembly in Louisville when the announcement was made by current GMP, John Humbert.

This kind of faith in the future of the church is something to celebrate! Thank God for this great stewardship of accumulated resources that will enable mission around the world for generations to come.

SERVING NOVEMBER 1

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8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and Dwain Graham

10:45 A.M. Bill Franklin and Eileen Klepfer

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USHERS

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HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

C. Ludwig - S. Smith

R. Church - D. Ross

W. Johnson - M. Piatt

D. Graham - N. Mennewisch

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6'

8:00 P.M. CYF Lock-In

SATURDAY, NOBEMBER 7

8:00 A.M. Elders' Study & Meeting

7:30 P.M. DINKS at Wayne & Liz Johnson's, 4531 Calumet Avenue

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BIRTHDAYS NOVEMBER 5-11

Martha Christy (5)

Curt Miller (5)

Alfred Pattengale (5)

John Phillips (5)

Michele Stam (5)

Tony York (5)

Jeannette Grier (6)

Ruby Boxell (7)

James Evans (7)

Cindy Moriarty (7)

Garnet Ford (8)

Ingrid Mosier (8)

Marilyn McDougle (11)

Beth Schilling (11)

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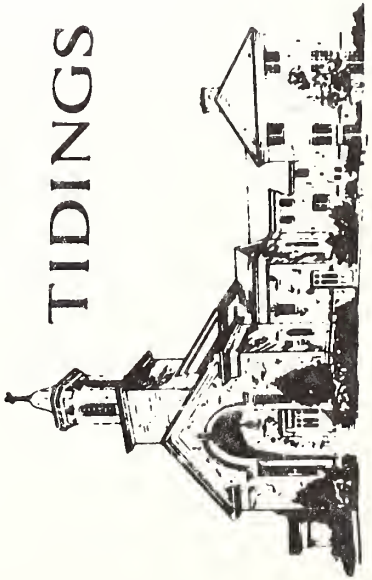

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BLANKET MONTH

Your gift of a Church World Service blanket says: "Take Comfort: Someone Cares."

IN GATHERING OF FOOD

Annually during November, our Outreach Committee asks our people to make a special offering of food for the Food Bank here at First Christian. On November 8, 15, & 22 we are asked to bring non-perishable foods and, at the time of the offering or before worship at each of the worship services, to place our gifts on the Chancel. On November 22, these food offerings will be placed in our Food Bank for distribution to those in need who come to us for help.

C.W.F. GENERAL MEETING AND CRAFT DAY - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

The C.W.F. will have a general meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. followed by a continental breakfast. Group will then divide into interest areas.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS & CHANGES

The Ashtons should appear as Dick and Mary.
Roger Gross's new phone # is: 424-1243
Herdis Helmuth is now at the Riverview Care Center
Glenna Chandler address is: 907 East Lawn Drive; phone: 747-0950
Max & Debbie Knudsen's new address is: 10004 Sawtooth Court 46804; phone: 432-8708

ELDERS' STUDY & MEETING - Saturday, November 7, 8:00 a.m.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD - Tuesday, November 10, 6:00 p.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING - Tuesday, November 10, 7:30 p.m.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15! - 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

THANKS

The Membership Committee had a great Halloween Party for us! Thanks Kris, and all who helped make it!

Painting continues in the building. Thanks Linda Stover, and Dave Kreischer!

HELP NEEDED

Bob & Esther Clipp need help occasionally in order to get Bob out of the house and to see something besides his four walls. If you would be willing to help for a couple of hours once a month, please call Dick Hamm at 744-3239.

NEEDED

A small vacuum cleaner (household type), upright or canister is needed by the church. Call the church office if you have one to give. Thanks!

WEST CREIGHTON CHRISTIAN ANNUAL BAZAAR

Saturday, November 14, 10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., at the church. Dinner will be served 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. Adults $3.75, children $2.00. Call 744-4950 for information.

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER CRAFT FAIR

Friday, November 13, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., 233 W. Main Street. Handmade Holiday gifts!

TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY CHORALE

TCU is one of our Disciple schools. The TCU Chorale will be in Fort Wayne at First Presbyterian Church on Friday, November 13, 8:00 p.m. This is a great chorale, and part of a great music series offered by our friends at First Presbyterian.

LOYALTY MONTH CELEBRATION COMPLETE

Thanks to Chuck McGrew for making the narthex display of names. While some had to work on Sundays, or had other responsibilities, or illness, the following persons were able and in fact were in worship all four Sundays in October! Congratulations!

Ken Taylor, Grace Truby, Jane, Mike & Kelli Walsh, Paul Waugh, Wes & Mimi Westerfield, Coleen Wilcoxsin, Orda Glentzer, Mary Wilhelm, Bruce & Ruth Stone, Linda, Alisha, and Bryce Stover, Homer Stevenson, Don and Sara Smith, Jim and Patricia Sablic, Dorothy Schmidt, Florence Palmer, Gwynth Rice, Curt, Deb, Collin, & Lindsay Miller, Bernice Montgomery, Dick & Diane Mory, Pat & Mike Mullen, Edna & Harold Nordblom, John & Kris Ohneck, Wayne & Liz Johnson, Beverly Johnston, Calvin & Leotha Jones, Delores Keebortz, Brenda Kelly, Dave Kreischer, David & Laura Hamm, Thelma Haxton, Linda Hayes, Bette Haines, Earl & Reba Fusselman, Ken, Nedra, Rebecca, Sarah, Jason, & Kevin Feeley, Bill & Jo Franklin, Helen Foltz, Carolyn Falbe, Eunice Conrad, Bill & Hazel Crouse, Marvin Crouse, Deloris Anspach, Marvel Brickley, Jim, Karen, Jamie, Jeffrey Bushey.

There may have been others, but this was according to the attendance pads. Well done!

TRANSPORTATION TO WORSHIP

Sunday morning transportation is available. Call "Care-A-Van" at 426-7777. Fare is .50 each way.

CYF

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

It's about time for a search committee update. The committee is now interviewing and hopes to have a candidate to recommend to the Board in November or December, and then to the congregation.

As mentioned before, the surveys of the Board and congregation indicated a strong desire for a Christian education specialist rather than a generalist-associate as we have had in recent years. This was not a negative reflection on the ministry of Don Wiltfong, but a sense that we need to develop our Christian education and youth programs in a special way. In fact, Don was the first to point this out.

The question naturally arises, what about the other things Don was doing? Well, that's a good question. Helen Donnell has picked up some of these responsibilities. The new minister of Christian education will also pick up some additional things depending upon his/her gifts and interests. When we get this person "on board", we will be able to address the larger question of staffing in concrete ways and we will have what I think will be a super staff, and we will be in a position to grow as a congregation in spirituality, outreach, commitment, and size.

One personal note; I can tell that First Christian has grown tremendously in its program and in numbers of people it touches. When I was the only pastor for ten months when we were looking for Don, I was able to manage pretty well. This time, even with Helen working 2/3's time (instead of 1/3) during the interim period, I'm swamped. I take this as being a good indication of what's been happening at First Christian Church. I also take it as a sign that we need to make a careful choice of a new staff person FAST! Several leaders of committees and boards agree, I think!

Well, we're moving as quickly as we can while being certain to make the right choices and to keep our goals in mind.

Have a great week. I'll see you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. The sermon Sunday is entitled "Up, Down, and Across" and is based on Amos 5:18=24.

SCENE FROM FIRST

Paint, paint, and more paint! How neat and clean the south halls are!.....Holly Falbe's blond hair doubled in thickness from straw on the choir's hayride---There were those who pretended straw was snow and made snow balls out of it! And sang Jingle Bells!.....Ask Ray Stover about his surprise piece of jewelry.....Carpenter's busy making a ladder for Pat Mullen so that she can see over the pulpit.....Little Christie Glasgow singing her first solo at Creative Arts, and singing it like a pro! Much applause..... Mary Novachcoff in jail! Staff pledged $5.00 to Cancer Fund to help provide her bail!.....Food Bank flourishing in its new home.....Good comments from Dr. Collie's visit.....Mike Stow won grand prize for costume at the Halloween party.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 11-1-87

Cathy Simon, 7244 Lakeridge Drive; Bob Collie, 7219 Tan Bark; Corey Carlin, 4429 S. Anthony Blvd.

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6:00 P.M. C.Y.F.

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild at Ethel Shroyer's, Concord Village, Apt. S-310, 6723 S. Anthony Blvd.

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

9:30 A.M. Food Bank Meeting

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group

12:45 P.M. Rachel Group at the church

6:00 P.M. Bread For The World

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades K-5th

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:00 A.M. C.W.F. General Meeting & Craft Day

1:00 P.M. Chancel Choir practice

BIRTHDAYS NOVEMBER 12-18

Jeannie Pratt (12)
Diane Miller (12)
Linda Breeden (13)
Shirley Callahan (13)
Linda Pressley (13)
Jewel Bynket (14)
Jim Hudlow (14)
Melissa Orr (14)
John Proegler (14)
Ethel Allen (16)
Thomas Meadows (16)
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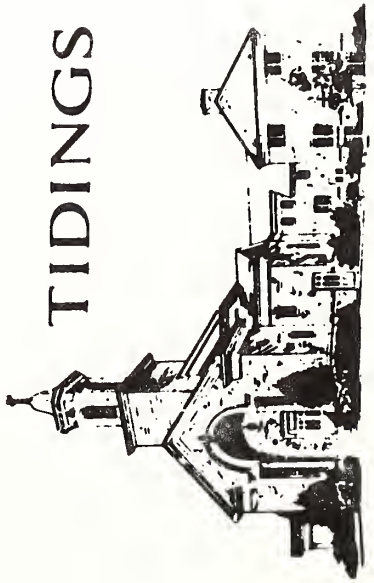

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ressie and Everett Ehreshman became members of First Sunday. Ressie reaffirmed her membership and Everett transferred from Simpson United Methodist. We're delighted to have them here together. They live at 2602 Maumee Avenue, phone - 424-2711. Ressie is Reba Fusselman's sister. Welcome!

COMMITMENT SUNDAY Nov. 15 !

Come and be inspired and challenged! We will have opportunity to make our 1988 pledges during worship (only those not present will receive a call in their home). Come and celebrate who we are and where we are going.

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HARVEST DINNER, THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 12:00 NOON

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TEACHERS MEETING, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 7:00 P.M.

All teachers and extended session leaders and anyone interested about the resources in the library is invited!

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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THANKS!

The Halloween Party Committee and helpers included Kris & John Ohneck, Sue & Larry Brey, Laura York, Deb Strickland, Jim & Karen Bushey, Sherry Lytle, Sam & Nancy Smith, Bill & Jo Franklin, Mike Stow, Sara Davis, Deb Miller, Sue Oden, Dick & Judy Mey. Thanks!

Thank you goes out to Linda Stover, Sue Brey, and Judy Mey for preparing the last stewardship mailing, and correlating the Vision booklet.

THANK YOU

A very special thank you to all of you for your prayers, cards, calls, and for all the nice things everybody did at the time of Mel's death.

Barbara & boys, Lillian, Larry, and Carolyn & Gary Falbe

CONGRATULATIONS!

Gene & Eileen Klepfer celebrated their 50th anniversary last week!

HANDBELL FESTIVAL IN TOWN

This Saturday, November 14, hundreds of bell ringers will present a concert from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., at Grand Wayne Center. The public is invited.

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REMINDER - C.W.F. GENERAL MEETING AND CRAFT DAY THIS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 - 9:00 A.M.

The C.W.F. will have a general meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. followed by a continental breakfast. Group will then divide into interest areas.

SCENE FROM FIRST

The carol "In the Bleak Mid-Winter" as rewritten by the children in Creative Arts: "Angels and Archangels may have gathered there. Clarabelle and Sarabelle thronged the air."

We kind of thought that was an improvement!.....A welcome laughter coming from the church office and two lovely sisters working together.....The overwhelming smell of glue in the sanctuary from the repair of a formica counter top -- many thanks to Don and Ted for a tricky job well done.....Ask Laura York about cranes with four legs instead of two!.....Such good feelings about having the elevator available for making the sanctuary more accessible.....Did you know that all the plants in the church call Eileen Klepfer "Mother"?.....It's O.K., Pat. There are others who very often have been told to stand up when they already were.....I heartful of appreciation to Ginny Johnson and David Miller for being such a meaningful part of our first service yesterday. She is really on loan to Aldersgate since she belongs to us! It was beautiful and exciting to have them.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Wise congregations provide ways for lay people to give input and feedback to their staff people. Sometimes members are afraid that their input will be taken by a staff person as being overly critical, and so they remain silent. Or perhaps some members feel somewhat intimidated by the strong personalities that tend to be characteristic of ministers, and so they hesitate to raise concerns or issues with them. For these and other reasons, staff members don't always get the feedback they need to do their job adequately and sensitively.

Here at First Christian, we have several channel members who can use to communicate their concerns (although the old face to face conversation is almost always the most effective). If you have something to communicate regarding John Perry, Diane Johnson, or Jerry Zimmerman, but prefer not to communicate directly with them, you may take that matter up with me and I will do my best to handle your concern in confidence and with sensitivity. John Kelly, Personnel Committee Chairman, is another channel you may choose.

Helen has a "pastoral relations committee" comprised of Don Parlette, Bill Franklin, Eileen Klepfer, Gini Brown, and Janet Weicker. You may speak with any of these persons, or with me, and know that your input will be heard and shared appropriately.

As for me, I do not have a pastoral relations committee just now, but am utilizing the elders in this way. If you have a concern regarding me, call Elder Chair Judy Church and she'll facilitate communication.

Ideally, it is best in most cases to talk face to face with us, but the ideal isn't always possible, for whatever reason. So don't hesitate to avail yourself of these other channels. Fortunately, most of the congregation does feel free to speak with us directly, and most of the feedback is positive. But we want to be open to hearing from everyone about problems and concerns as well, so that we can each grow in our effectiveness as your staff.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. This is, of course, Commitment Sunday. I do hope that every member will make every effort to be present. I want to share some dreams with you!

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AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 11-8-87

Clement Myers, Cambridge City, IN.

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8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and Merle Grimm

10:45 A.M. Liz Johnson and Don Kampenga

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HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

B. Ludwig - D. Miller
P. Mullen - M. Knudsen
J. Ohneck - P. Tobias
D. Parlette - B. Lindsay

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Miller's & J. McGrew

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Deb Rinker & Bobbi Lockhart

ACOLYTES

Shaun & Brooke Spencer

NO LAY READERS

IN HOSPITALS

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601 - Chloe Conner

PARKVIEW:
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9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:00 NOON Harvest Dinner
6:00 P.M. C.Y.F. Prayer Meeting
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

7:00 P.M. Sarah Group at church

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades K-5th
7:00 P.M. Teachers & Extended Session Leaders Meeting

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

11:45 A.M. D.M.A. at Window Garden Restaurant then to the Allen County Historical Museum

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

6:30 P.M. Parent's Night Out at Max & Debbie Knudsen's, 10004 Sawtooth Court

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BIRTHDAYS NOVEMBER 19-25
Muriel Baker (19)
Leland Higgins (21)
Laura York (21)
Deb Strickland (22)
Margaret Leversee (22)
Gill Hine (23)
Nellie Buchanan (24)
Marlene Crouse (25)
Charles Green (25)
Joan Ott (25)
Elva Stephans (25)

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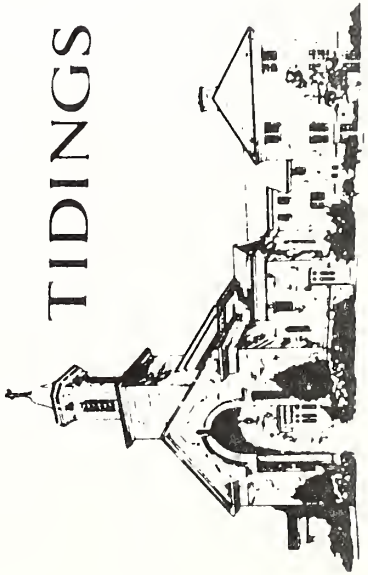

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Together in Mission
Thanksgiving 1987

Your special Thanksgiving offering will help support our Disciple colleges and seminaries around the country, including Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. Thanksgiving is not a "religious" holiday, but our thanks to God for the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ is always a cause for celebration!

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THANK YOU

To Don Oden for the new formica top in Helen's office.

To those who made the "biggest ever" Harvest Dinner a reality: Kris & John Ohneck, Evelyn Yeoman, Marge Thomas, Bert Leversee, Karen Bushey, Mildred Hartman, Mildred Hutchinson, Dorothy Overmyer, Charles & Jean McGrew, Laura York, Gini Brown, Neva Mennewisch, Lenelle Ross, Mike Mullen, and Opal Carper.

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Marion DeVore, 1253 Lake Ave., Alice Hedre, R. 3 Box 101B, Decatur, IN.

SHARE YOUR BOUNTY

This is the last Sunday to bring non perishable items for the special Food Bank offering. It would be great to see the chancel filled with food! You may place your food item on the chancel before worship or during the offering time. Thank you for sharing in this special way.

WORD FROM THE LAY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

We are very much enjoying the talent surveys which have been returned by some of the members of the congregation. We are making a card file of these resources which will be at home in the church office and which will be made available to committee chairmen in their various searches for the fulfillment of needs.

If you have not filled yours out and returned it to the church, please do so immediately. We would like to complete the file before Christmas. Thank you!

GLOBAL MISSION PARTNERS

GLOBAL MISSION PARTNERS - ROBERT AND JANE WILLIAMS

Bob and Jane Williams, natives of Memphis, Tennessee, can still call themselves southerners, although they're now a continent away from home. The Williamses live in Southern Africa in the tiny kingdom of Lesotho. This is a return visit for Bob and Jane who served the Lesotho Evangelical Church before, in the 1960's. Currently, they assist with the church's education program. Jane teaches typing and secretarial skills at the Morija Girls' High School while Bob teaches at the Morija Theological Seminary and at the National Teacher Training College of Lesotho.

Lesotho is surrounded geographically by powerful and turbulent South Africa. In a recent newsletter, the Williamses wrote of the racial injustices existing next door. "It is clear to us here that there are no simple solutions, either to the problem here in South Africa or to the deep unrest that prevails elsewhere....We cry for peace, yet many guns are being bought! We cry for dialogue, yet a bomb is planted and the right to dialogue is denied! But we really do need each other!"

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Sunday was a great day! We're off to an excellent start on our 1988 Stewardship Campaign. We'll report results to you beginning next week.

One other note about money and stewardship: we're in the home stretch for 1987. We have been whittling away at our deficit, but we still have several thousand dollars to go, and we do want to be back to the "black" before our new Ministry of Christian Education begins work with us (hopefully Feb. 1, if the congregation approves our candidate on December 6). So, if you are behind in your 1987 giving, please make every effort to catch up. 'Nuff said.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has a new program called "Global Mission Partners", in which Regions are linked with specific overseas missionaries. The Indiana Region is linked with Bob & Jane Williams, who are serving in Lesotho (pronounced Lay-soo-too). This issue has some information about the Williams. More will follow. Please keep them and the nation of Lesotho in your prayers.

We are now approaching Thanksgiving and, believe it or not Advent! I think you'll be delighted and inspired by all our Advent activities.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

SCENE FROM FIRST

Wonderful, Wonderful Harvest Dinner - a beautiful, happy celebration. Many thanks to Kris and her committee - and to Jean McGrew for being a perfect example of stewardship, as it so often appears, in an apron! .... Chancel Choir singing Christmas on a warm, sunny afternoon for 3 hours and wondering why there wasn't snow, for atmosphere.....John Briggs, we hear, will be opening a shoe repair in Renssalaer - Saving Soles.....Eileen Klepfer enjoying being in church with grandson Todd.....John, speaking of needing heat in the Board room "for that group making ducks". We will have to explain later, but if you ask Laura York, she may tell you now.....Chancel filling up with Thanksgiving offerings of canned goods for the Food Bank. Have you brought yours yet?, or perhaps $5.00 for a blanket for Church World Service?

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The Williams have a long history of teaching in Africa. Between their 2 terms in Lesotho, the Williams lived in Zaire. They are the parents of four children. They write, "we are happy to be a part of the church and its mission in this part of the world. We covet the prayers of our neighbors in other areas of the 'global village' and offer our prayers as well".

Prepared by
Division of Overseas Ministries

SERVING NOVEMBER 22

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8:15 A.M. Bud Ludwig and William Crouse

10:45 A.M. Pat Mullen and Wes Westerfield

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B. Kerley & Myers

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Karen Bushey & Jo Sickafoose

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Curt & Deb Miller

ACOLYTES

Laura Hamm & Kelly Walsh

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Curt Miller

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

488 - Mrs. Sharon Pauley

ST. JOSEPH:

401 - Mrs. Marvel Brickley

623 - Mrs. Chloe Conner

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings

THURSDAY, NOV. 24 & FRIDAY, NOV. 25

OFFICE CLOSED

BIRTHDAYS NOVEMBER 26-DECEMBER 2

Mary Ludwig (28)

Ken Perkins (28)

David Pratt (28)

Opal Perkins (29)

Mary Piatt (29)

James Clausen (29)

Bethel Breeden (1)

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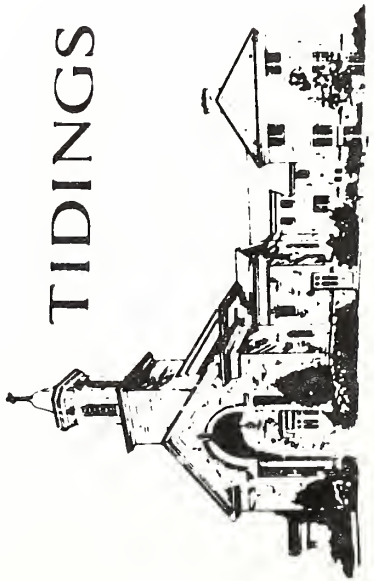

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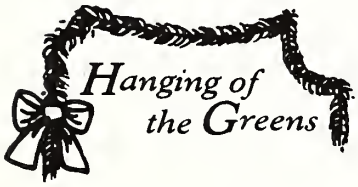

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ELDERS BREAKFAST STUDY MEETING

Saturday, December 5, 8:00 a.m., at the church.

POINSETTIA PLANTS GIVEN:

In Memory of Vada Tatman and Ernest Tatman by Virginia & Fred Reimer;
In Memory of Leland Higgins by Mary Higgins;
In Memory of Robert W. Nulf by Alice Nulf;
In Memory of Lillian Sargent by John & Jo Weyer;
In Memory of Ina Smith, Mary's mother, by Terry & Mary King;
In Memory of Linda Kirtley, daughter, and Jeanne Feltenberger by Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward;
In Memory of Hortense Stevenson by Homer Stevenson;

Gifts: Bette Haines for the glory of God;
Jim & Neva Mennewisch

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Pledges are almost all in! We are way ahead of years past, partly because we moved Commitment Sunday up one week. We do still have a few to hear from: some shut-ins and out-of-towners, and a few others. If you have not received a pledge card, please call the church office.

We'll give you the results beginning next week. Our thanks go to those who gave of their time to do follow-up calling: Jane Wagoner, Sue & Don Oden, Dan Ross, Ralph & Judy Church, Bill Johnson, Mary Novachcoff, Chuck & Jean McGrew, Kris & John Ohneck, Don and Vee Parlette, Sam Smith, Mildred Hartman, Bud Ludwig, Dick & Judy Mey, Ray & Linda Stover, and Gini Brown. Pat Mullen provided supper.

CONSTITUTION CHANGE RECOMMENDATIONS

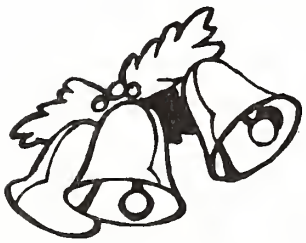
The following changes will be considered by the Board December 8. If you have any comment regarding these, please give them to Mildred Hartman, Chair of the Constitutional Revision Committee.

I. Two committee names to be changed (to more clearly define their function):
   A. Membership to become Fellowship
   B. Lay personnel to become Lay Leadership

II. Increase the maximum number of diaconate members from "a ratio of one person for every fifteen participating members or fraction there of" to "twelve members or fraction there of"

III. In order to provide the congregation with better input on selections, the competitive election procedure to be replaced with - "The Lay Leadership Committee shall solicit from the congregation names of potential nominees for offices at least two weeks in advance of the nominating process. The Lay Leadership Committee shall then select a slate of nominees for submission to the Board of Trustees".

Mildred I. Hartman
Chair of the Constitutional Revision Comm.



WITH HEART, AND SOUL, AND VOICE

The congregation, families, and friends are invited to the Christmas Choral Vespers Service on December 13 at 5:00 p.m. It will be followed by a Christmas dessert buffet in Fellowship Hall.

The service will include the Nine Lessons traditionally a part of the celebration of the birth of Christ, but they will be read in an ancient tradition, a little different from that which is the contemporary custom. The choir will be singing a number of Christmas anthems, some of them carols from other countries. Children from Creative Arts will also be singing as will an ensemble from the Carillon be ringing.

Christmas isn't quite complete without the beautiful music of the season, and the choirs hope that the service will bring pleasure and enrichment to First Christian's Christmas, 1987.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 11-22-87

Nancy Uphoff, 4003 Chancery Pl., Peggy Gertz

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

As we begin Advent (ready or not!), I am reminded of a scenario that is oft repeated by many. We have a tendency to overblow our expectations of ourselves and of this season and then we arrive at December 26 exhausted and depressed. Wouldn't it be more satisfying to take a more relaxed and realistic approach to it all, and to arrive at Christmas refreshed and renewed? How could we do this? Here's some suggestions based in part on comments written by my friend Ruth Ann Sprunger of the Mental Health Association.

1. Don't take responsibility for everyone else's happiness. Delegate responsibility for various tasks so you aren't swamped and angry.

2. Decide now that any task you take on will be one you choose. If you don't like what you traditionally do for Christmas, choose something different. If you don't like a particular tradition, start a new one.

3. Don't allow yourself to be lonely, even if you're alone. Volunteer to help in a hospital or elsewhere. Doing for others is great medicine for depression.

4. Make a list of the things you dislike about the Christmas season and eliminate them. Hate turkey? Don't serve it. Dislike sending greeting cards? Don't send them.

5. Remember the real meaning of Christmas and make worship your focus this year.

6. When the season is complete, reflect upon how you celebrated it and think about what you do or don't want to do next year.

This year, instead of trying so hard to keep the traditions, we can for once take the holidays into our own hands by deciding not to accept the supposed "have to's" of Christmas and by beginning to embrace the truth.....that we can make the holiday season anything we want it to be. Let's take the holidays back. Let's cast out the manufactured images of Christmas and create our own individual truth about the season.

See you Sunday, as we begin our advent pilgrimage.

Love, Dick

SCENE FROM FIRST

How exciting the silver trumpet was in our Thanksgiving Service!---and what a wondrous tenor Dan Ross became! (Nobody sits in the Chancel without being adopted by the choir!).....Children in Creative Arts enjoying being the animals who bring gifts to the Christ-Child.....Painting finally complete - don't the elevator entrance ways look nice?.....John is on vacation this week -- we miss him, but wish him a happy Thanksgiving.....Why is it that the first snowfall is such a pleasure and makes winter acceptable, but the second one is a pain and creates re-newed longing for spring again?.....Happiness will be full participation by the congregation and friends in all of the Advent and Christmas celebration activities.....During this Thanksgiving week, remember the needs of the Food Bank, and perhaps the gift of a blanket for those who may be cold.....Advent is here -- pray for the plans of observance, and for all those who are helping to carry them out. We begin with the Hanging of the Greens on Sunday at 6:15 p.m. (Well, we've heard better Advent humor, Dick!)

Last Sunday the following Extended Session Teachers were recognized in our worship service: Mindy Hamm, Nedra Feeley, Deb Rinker, Karen Bushey, Lois Finkhousen, Sam Hayes, Sue Stow, Bobbi Lockhart, Jo Sickafoose, Becca Olson. Thanks to you all!

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10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:15 P.M. Hanging of the Greens

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship - Grades K-5th

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00 A.M. Elders Meeting

BIRTHDAYS DECEMBER 3-9

Wayne Phillips (3)
Cynthia Akers (3)
Donna Wininger (4)
Neva Mennewisch (5)
Mildred Arruza (6)
Phillip Bozarth (6)
Ethel Richhart (6)
Mary Fanger (6)
Sue Kerley (7)
Brenda Proegler (7)
Clifton Bowman (9)
Wayne Johnson (9)

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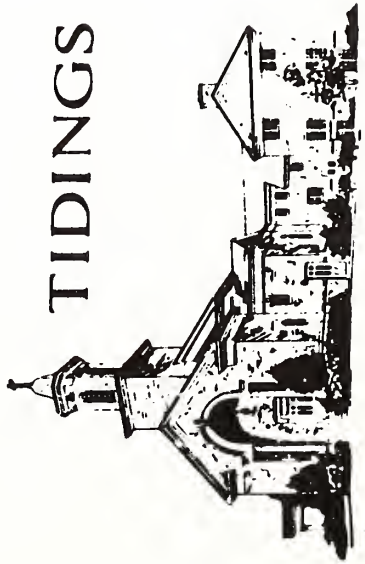

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, December 6, the congregation will have the opportunity to meet and vote on a candidate for Minister of Education. If approved, she will begin her service with us on February 1.

The meeting will be immediately after second service at 11:55 a.m., because that is the earliest our candidate can be here (apologies for the inconvenience to first service goers!), and the Search Committee felt it is important for the congregation to meet her before voting.

The Search Committee and the Board are confident that you will be more than pleased with the candidate, who has vast experience and an excellent track record.

CONSTITUTION CHANGE RECOMMENDATIONS

The following changes will be considered by the Board December 8. If you have any comment regarding these, please give them to Mildred Hartman, Chair of the Constitutional Revision Committee.

I. Two committee names to be changed (to more clearly define their function):
   A. Membership to become Fellowship
   B. Lay personnel to become Lay Leadership

II. Increase the maximum number of diaconate members from "a ratio of one person for every fifteen participating members or fraction there of" to "twelve members or fraction there of".

III. In order to provide the congregation with better input on selections, the competitive election procedure to be replaced with - "The Lay Leadership Committee shall solicit from the congregation names of potential nominees for offices at least two weeks in advance of the nominating process. The Lay Leadership Committee shall then select a slate of nominees for submission to the Board of Trustees".

Mildred I. Hartman
Chair of the Constitutional Revision Comm.

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 8, 7:30 p.m.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Tuesday, December 8, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

"In the more than 10 years that Bread for the World has been working on Capitol Hill, it has been an effective force in the battle to eliminate hunger...and in prodding our government to compassionate action."

John Danforth
U.S. Senator from Missouri

ELDERS BREAKFAST STUDY MEETING

Saturday, December 5, 8:00 a.m., at the church.

ATTENTION ELDERS & DEACONS

Scheduling for January through June of 1988 will be done this month. If you have conflicts that you are aware of now, please inform Judy Church, 447-5691 for elders, and Mindy Hamm, 745-4536 for deacons, immediately!

CONGRATULATIONS MRS. PERKINS

Opal Perkins turned 104 years young last Sunday! Opal was in worship (8:15 a.m.) with her son, Dr. George Perkins. We are delighted that she has reached this milestone and yet enjoys a great measure of independence!

ATTENTION NAOMI GROUP

The Naomi Group will meet Friday, December 11 at 10:30 with Rychie Smell, 4126 Roxton Lane. Bring a covered dish and table service for lunch, also 1½ dozen cookies for our shut-ins.

ATTENTION PROGRESSIVE CLASS

The Progressive Class Party will be Saturday, December 12 at 11:00 a.m. at the church in Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish and table service.

PIZZA HUT HELPS FOOD BANK

Through December 21, take a 15 oz. or larger canned good to the Pizza Hut at Anthony & Paulding, and you can carry-out a large pizza for the medium pizza price (carry-out only). Such a deal!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Talbert, 3605 Wenonah Dr.

WITH HEART AND SOUL AND VOICE

The congregation, families and friends are invited to the annual Christmas Choral Vespers which will be at 5:00, Sunday afternoon, December 13. All of the choirs will be a part of the celebration. There will be lovely anthems and carols sung by choirs and congregation, and the Christmas scriptures read in an ancient tradition.

The service will be followed by a Christmas party in Fellowship Hall sponsored by the Worship Committee. Members of the congregation are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share with others for the party. Beverages will be provided.

Child-care will be available during the service for toddlers and infants, but we hope older children will be encouraged to be a part of the congregation.

Please plan to enjoy what we hope will be a beautiful, joyful, musical Christmas!

MONDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

Will meet Monday, December 7 at 9:15. Assignment: I John 6:30-59.

FIRST REACHES OUT!

REGIONAL NEW CHURCH CELEBRATION!

Indiana's newest Disciple congregation, Geist Christian Church, near Indianapolis, has dedicated their first building. The congregation is growing rapidly. First Christian has assisted this effort with more than $11,000 given to "new church establishment" in the last two years! Congratulations to Pastor Randy Spleth and the congregation!

POINSETTIA PLANTS GIVEN:

In Memory of Paul Truby, a fine neighbor, by Dwain & Kathy Graham;
In Memory of Ethel Flowers by Henry Flowers and sons;
In Memory of Doris Richard by Ralph Richard and family;
In Memory of Alma Beck by Shirley Dibble;
In Memory of Art & Mel Busse by the Busse's & Falbe's;
In Memory of Troy Yeoman by Evelyn Yeoman;

GIFTS: John & Janet Myers;
Dick & Judy Mey;
Don & Valetta Parlette

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

What a "kick" it was to see so many hands on deck to decorate the building Sunday evening at The Hanging of the Greens. The church now has a beautiful festive appearance.

I had something extra special to give thanks for on last week's holiday.....my mother came to stay with us for the weekend. What a joy to have her in our home again! I hope you got to meet her Sunday.

Well, the Christmas Season is beginning in earnest now, I do hope you will take my counsel from last week's column and make worship the focus of your season this year. Through worship, we come to feel the presence of the living Christ with us each day.

See you Sunday!

Love,

P.S. Sunday's sermon will be "Preparing The Way" based on Isaiah 40:1-11 & Mark 1:1-8.

CHRISTMAS SNOWSHINE COMMITTEE!

The following is an updated list of our congregation's shut-ins. We thought that during this special season, members might enjoy sending them a card or a note, or paying them a visit. Share the joy with friendship!

1. Gladys Hoop, Room 141 Regency Place, 6006 Brandy Chase Cove 46805
2. Hazel Cleaver, " " " " " " " " "
3. Iva Imbody, " 119 " " " " " " "
4. Anita Fitch, " 213 " " " " " " "
5. Nellie Roe, " 215 " " " " " " "
6. Pearl Heidecker, 2445 Fairfield Ave. Apt. 313 46807
7. Bob & Esther Clipp, 1108 McKinnie Ave. 46806
8. Mary Piatt, 4223 Tacoma Ave. 46807
9. Maude Donohue, 2724 Hoagland Ave. 46807 (cards only, please)
10. Ruby Johns, The Townhouse, Apt. 101B 2209 St. Joe Center Rd. 46825
11. Ethel King, Lawton Park Nursing Home, Room 25, 1649 Spy Run Ave. 46805
12. Helen Reynolds, 3804 Lillie St. 46806
13. Helen Sheerin, 4415 Champlain 46806
14. Herdis Helmuth, Riverview Nursing Home, Room 115, 2827 Northgate Blvd. 46835
15. Chloe Conner, Room 226, Medco Center of Fort Wayne, 3811 Parnell Ave. 46805
16. Arza Smith, " 111 " " " " " " " " "
17. Cora Ann Harnish, 6440 Fairfield, Apt. 316 46807
18. Mary Higgins, 5010 Woodhurst Blvd. 46807
19. Ruby Kolkman, 4920 Fairington Dr. Apt. 203 46825
20. Blanche Lehman, Willow Ridge Living Center,Room 171, 2001 Hobson Rd., 46805
21. Edythe Metcalf, 1925 W. Main St. 46808
22. Ruth Norton, 707 Archer Ave. 46808
23. Thelma Swift, 2506 S. Wayne Ave. 46807
24. Irene Kissinger, 310 W. Berry, Bldg. A., Apt. 201 46802
25. Marvel Brickley, 1414 Sinclair St. 46808
26. Arlynn Call, Woodview Health Care, Inc. 3420 E. State Blvd. 46805

There are also several members of the church who are not shut-ins but who, particularly in cold, icy weather, cannot get out to see friends or to worship services as often as they can during other seasons. Please remember them also with cards.

1. Opal Perkins, 701 Ewing, #213, Bldg. C 46802
2. Mildred Tharp, 6440 S. Fairfield Avenue 46807
3. Gail Roe, c/o Ron Bakalar, 4717 Queensbury Drive 46815
4. Florence Huddleston, 2718 Capitol Avenue 46806

Now that the whole congregation has been named the Snowshine Committee for the Christmas season, we need several more persons for the Sunshine Committee. If you would like to be one of our regular team of visitors to our shut-ins, will you please let Helen know. Please help, won't you?

SERVING DECEMBER 6

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and Bill Johnson

10:45 A.M. Eilene Klepfer and Chip Olson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson-SW, M. Novachcoff-NW, J. Myers, Jt. Myers

10:45 A.M. K. Taylor-SW, J. McGrew-NW, K. Tobias-SE, M. Hamm-NE, C. Miller, D. Miller, M. Piatt, C. Falbe

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, M. Thomas

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, B. Haines, M. Westerfield

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Jack & Bobbi Lindsay

ACOLYTES

Tracy Critell & Lindsay Miller

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Mary Novachcoff

10:45 A.M. Nedra Feeley

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

631 - Mrs. Margaret Snouffer

PARKVIEW:

344 - Mr. Gail Roe

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9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
11:55 A.M. Congregational Meeting
6:00 P.M. C.Y.F.
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group
12:45 P.M. Rachel Group
6:00 P.M. Bread For The World
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades K-5th

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

10:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Rychie Smell, 4126 Roxton Lane

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

11:00 A.M. Progressive Class Party
5:00 P.M. Christian Praise & Fellowship Christmas Party

BIRTHDAYS DECEMBER 10-16

Rosemary Day (10)
Bill Franklin (10)
Ruth O'Laughlin (10)
Rolland Ripple (11)
Lenelle Ross (11)
Sara Davis (12)
Dan Mory (13)
Harley Meadows (15)
Debbie Stam (16)

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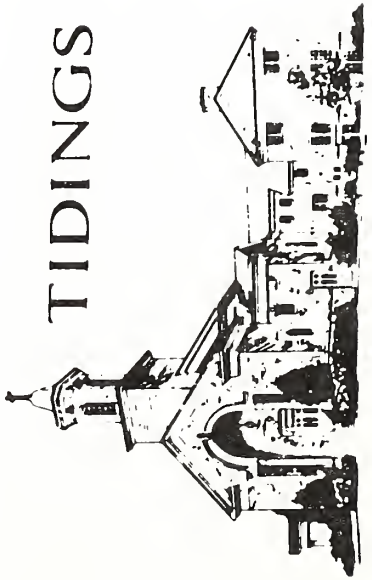

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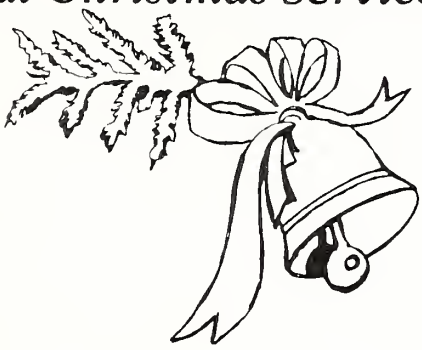

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Reception following
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December 20 @ 5:00 p.m.
Come and sing for our shut-ins
Refreshments following

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE - 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT, COMMUNION SERVICE - 11:00 p.m. Child care available.

ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES
First Sunday - Hope
Second Sunday - Peace
Third Sunday - Love
Fourth Sunday - Joy

"Come and worship - worship Christ the new-born king"

CHRISTMAS CHORAL VESPERS
December 13 @ 5:00 p.m., Sunday evening.

The Chancel Choir, The Carillon, The Celebration - all of our choirs - invite you to a service of scripture and carols in celebration of the Nativity of our Lord, and to a Christmas party after in Fellowship Hall. Among the carols are the lovely Polish carol, "Sleep, Little Jesus", and the French, "Christmas Comes Anew", and the English, "The Friendly Beasts", sung by the children. Child-care will be available.

We hope that members of the congregation will bring friends and guests, and join the choirs in singing the rich and tender music of this beautiful season. Through this service the choirs wish you all the joys of Christmas and return to God their gifts of love. Please come and worship with us.

Following the service there will be a Christmas party in Fellowship Hall. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert to share.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Dick & Judy Mey have a new granddaughter, Kaytlyn Cullins.

CONCERN

Phyllis Fitch is at a clinic in Phoenix seeking help for her back problems. She and Joe are staying at The Oak House, 4017 N. 40th Street, Phoenix 85018. They'll be there for a couple of months or so.

CAROLING PARTY - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 5:00 P.M.

Everyone is invited! We'll go out to carol some of our shut-ins on chartered buses and then return to the church for refreshments. RSVP with the church office or sign up Sunday.

CHRISTMAS CARD GREETINGS

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NEEDED: A stuffed lamb to use for the Christmas Eve Service. Call Laura York at 447-1284 or the church office at 744-3239.

THE END IS NEAR!

The end of 1987, that is! Your 1987 offerings are still very much needed! If you are behind in your intended/pledged giving for 1987, please make every effort to "catch up"! The November 30 treasurer's report shows that we could have a $6,000.00 end of year deficit, which will cast a pall over 1988 if we do not erase it now.

Thank you for your good stewardship and continuing commitment to God's work through First Christian Church! Ministries around the world depend on the gifts we share!

NEW MINISTER OF EDUCATION ACCEPTS CALL!

Linn Bartling received and accepted the call to become our new Minister of Education this Sunday in congregational meeting. She will begin work with us on February 1.

Linn comes to us with many years of experience. She is now concluding 5 years as Director of Christian Education with First Presbyterian Church here in Fort Wayne. She also served as Director of Associated Churches' Weekday Religious Education, and has directed Christian education for congregations in Louisville, KY, and Liverpool, N.Y.. Before that she taught in public schools in New York.

Linn holds a B.S. in Education from Cornell University and has engaged in a myriad of continuing education events to hone her skills in Christian education. In recent years she has led workshops and other events for numerous denominations.

She and her husband, George, have two children, Carl and Lisa, both grown. They are members of Peace United Church of Christ. Linn enjoys swimming, gardening, sewing, bridge, and home decor. She says that "junior highers" are her first love, but enjoys children of all ages as well as working with adults.

Our securing Linn for our staff was termed by our Regional Staff person as "a real coup"! Indeed. We are delighted to have her on our team and look forward to her being with us.

PICK UP YOUR 1988 CALENDAR NEXT SUNDAY!

The 1988 calendars from Klaehn's Funeral Home are in the Narthex if you'd like one.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I'd like to thank the members of the Search Committee who spent many hours over the past months: Mildred Hartman, Chair; Mike Piatt, Bob Westerfield, Janet Weicker, Deb Miller, Sherry Lytle, Mindy Hamm, Bill Franklin, Liz Johnson, John Kelly, Kris Ohneck. I am very pleased with the selection (delighted, in fact), and I feel the committee respected the wishes of the congregation as indicated in the survey last summer which called for a Christian education specialist. Linn Bartling is that! When Linn comes on board February 1, I feel we'll have a great team in place again.

I think it's fair to say that the congregation didn't really have as much information as needed before voting Sunday. It would have been good if we had printed a summary of Linn's background and credentials for the meeting. Frankly, we just don't do this sort of thing often enough to remember all the facets of the task. However, as you would assume, the committee did a thorough job and the Board was well briefed before their vote. As you can see from the article about Linn, she is top-notch. We will note the need for printed info for the congregation next time (which we hope will be a long time!).

We have Choral Vespers coming up this Sunday at 5:00 p.m., followed by a dessert buffet. This brings to mind a concern I have had for years.

We don't seem to have as large a turn-out for evening programs here at F.C.C. as we might. Our evening programs are always outstanding (Vespers will be no exception), yet we frequently have no more than 75 or 100 in attendance. It's a shame for those who work so hard on such programs, but even more of a shame for us as members who miss-out on Vespers, or Maundy Thursday, or visiting choirs and other evening programs. Of course, some of us just can't get out at night, I know. But those of us who can are missing something special if we don't. I hope you can make it Sunday evening. You'll be blessed by it.

Have a great week. Keep Christ at the center!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday's sermon is "Living in the Not Yet", and is based on Matthew 13:24-30 and Luke 17:20.

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SARAH GROUP will have their Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Deb Knudsen's, 10004 Sawtooth Court.

POCKET CALENDARS FOR SALE FROM C.W.F.

If anyone is interested contact Linda Stover, Kris Ohneck or call the church office.

AMONG OUR VISITORS 12-6-87

Alton & Helen Bouse, Claypool, IN.

POINSETTIA PLANTS GIVEN

In Memory of Jolene & Pete by Mary Wilhelm;
In Memory of son, Roger, by Don & Sue Oden;
In Memory of her father, mother, sister, and brother by Pearl Heidecker;
In Memory of loved ones by Carol & Fred Funkhouser;
In Honor of sons, Gary & Tony, by Tom & Laura York.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO THE CONGREGATION

Jim, Becky, and Jeremy Stucky; Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward; Miriam Bixenman & Peggy Buskirk; Fred & Carol Funkhouser; The Don Parlette Family, Don, Valetta, Doris & Tiffany Walton, Margot.

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Thelma Haxton (17)
Cindy Ebitino (19)
Tammy Ott (20)
Diana Blomeke (20)
John Morris (20)
Dick Hamm (21)
Elaine Parrot (22)
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Rodger Hendrickson (23)

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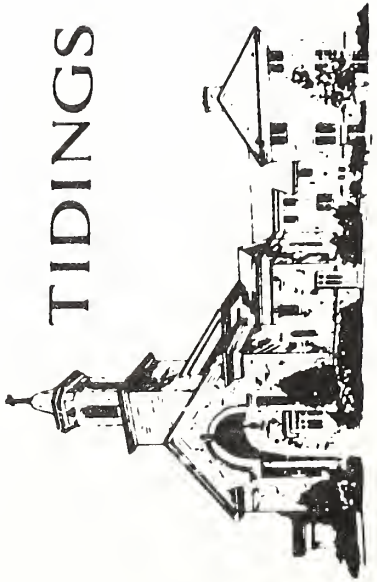

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"WHITE GIFTS"

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Congratulations

Lea Jackson (daughter of Gini Brown) was recently wed to Rollie Hanaman of Fort Wayne. Congratulations!

Concerns

Esther Whitton has moved temporarily to her son Doyle Whitton's, R.R.#1, Box 213, Remington, IN 47977.

NOTE FOUND

When the $8 million dollar bequest to the Christian Church by Othel and DeWitt Brown was announced to the General Assembly this October, the following anecdote was related. When the family went through Othel's personal belongings, they found a note that she had carried with her for years in her pocketbook. It read, "that which do for ourselves dies with us; that which we do for others lives forever." That's Christian stewardship!

The following is a report from the Weekday Religious Education program of the Associated Churches. We are among the primary supporters of this program, which brings religious education to the children of Fort Wayne Community Schools.

It hardly seems possible that just a few weeks remain in the first semester of WRE. We experienced a discouraging start with problems in the print shop and over $5,000 worth of vandalism to the trailers. However, the spirit of WRE was not daunted, as teachers and staff pulled together and over 5,630 students in the third, fourth and fifth grades through 285 weekly WRE classes. This represents 83% of the total number of students that has remained constant for several years.

Each year, it is a real joy to welcome the third graders to the trailer. They bring with them such enthusiasm and an eagerness to learn about the Christian faith. For many of them, coming to the trailer means more than just being in a mobile classroom for the first time. It may also mean their first experience using a Bible and learning of God's love for them as an individual. It is also encouraging to see so many of the fourth and fifth graders returning, having had unique and enjoyable learning experiences in the trailer.

WRE classes end December 11 and will not resume again until February 1, 1988, when the second semester begins in the public schools. Comments made by teachers, public school teachers, and especially, the students, indicate that the program is missed when not in session.

When we do return, it will be a full semester for all three grade levels. Third graders will participate in the imaginary airplane trip to Palestine to study the boyhood of Jesus - always a favorite activity. The fourth graders will continue their study of Old Testament heroes, spending several weeks learning about Moses and how the Ten Commandments still apply to us today. The fifth grade will spend the semester studying the life and teachings of Jesus. Many good discussions take place in the trailer with these older students as they try hard to grasp the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection.

I recently read an article entitled, "I BEHAVE AS I BELIEVE". The truth in that simple statement reiterates the importance of the WRE program. We must be there for the children to help shape the beliefs that will affect a lifetime of behavior. Your prayerful and financial support and encouragement are always appreciated.

Ruth Proctor, WRE Coordinator

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In Memory of Arthur Mowery by Ruby Mowery, Al & Sue Creager and family;

For the Glory of God by Glenn & Lola Miller;

Gifts:

Charles & Jean McGrew.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 12-13-87

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Rattan, Christina & Jessica, 5128 Standish Drive; Miss Erika Graham, R. 2, Box 239B, Roanne, IN; Michael & Donna Satterthwait, 6606 Maywood Circle.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

It's hard for me to believe, but we are nearing the celebration of Christmas! Time flies! I think our services have all been a blessing as we have sought to keep Christ at the center. I'm looking forward to the climax, which is Christmas Eve. Both the 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. services will be beautiful. The 7:00 p.m. service will feature a drama directed by Laura York and a different version of a candlelight service I think you'll find nice. The 11:00 p.m. service will be the traditional candlelight communion service. It's a great time to bring a guest.

A point was made at Board meeting the other night that I think is terribly important. At coffee hour (and at other times) we all have a tendency to speak only to those we know, to "group up" with friends. But it is vitally important that we, as a congregation seeking to show forth the love of God, reach out to those who are new or who we do not know! Let's all work harder at this Christian hospitality.

I'll see you Sunday, as we light the fourth candle of the Advent wreath; the candle of joy.

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday's sermon is entitled "When God Calls", and is based on Luke 1:26-38.

HEARD FROM FIRST

On Wednesdays and Thursdays the place is filled with music.....bells, flutes, finger cymbals, organ, piano, singing, children, laughter! What a happy time!.....The choirs would like to adopt the Progressive Class because of its singing -- although Earl's choice of appropriate literature is questionable (peaches and lemons?!).....How lovely was the duet of Shelley and Jane.....and Barbara's flute.....and the finger cymbals of Mike.....and the three children's solos — Laura, Kelly, Sara, plus Megan Sunday morning -- such talented young people we are so proud of!.....And the Bells! Everybody loves Bells!.....The Chancel Choir wasn't bad either!!.....It was a warm and tender vesper service.....without Phil Zimmerman who filled in for Jerry at rehearsal, Valetta, Jane Walsh, choir mother, the candlelighters and ushers, readers, it wouldn't have been nearly so beautiful -- a heartfull of thanks to everybody. We missed Sandy and Bobbi, and Shirley, and look forward to their return to the choir. Mostly, however, to all the singers and ringers who have worked so hard for so long with such concentration and dedication and commitment -- we love you! Exquisite gifts to the Christ-Child at First Christian yesterday!

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO THE CONGREGATION

John & Kris Ohneck, Rob, Jackie, Denay, and Tracy; The Taylors - Ben, Val, & Larry; Dick & Judy Mey; Carole Overmyer; Delores Keebortz; Gwynth Rice; Earl & Reba Fusselman; Hazel & William Crouse; Lola & Glenn Miller; Ethel Allen; Ruby Mowery; Carl & Mildred Linn.

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SERVING DECEMBER 20

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm and Bud Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Bill Franklin and Wayne Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Myers-SW, Jt. Myers-NW, J. Kelly, N. Mennewisch

10:45 A.M. D. Mey-SW, S. Kerley-NW, C. Miller-SE, D. Miller-NE, B. Hayes, M. Hamm, M. Piatt, K. Ohneck

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, J. Ott

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, E. Nordblom, H. Nordblom

COMMUNION PREPARATION

J. Wagoner & B. Hayes

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Rosemary Krull

ACOLYTES

Becky Krull & Sara Glasgow

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Deb Rinker

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Janet Myers

10:45 A.M. Sue Oden

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

489 - Mrs. Sandy Zimmerman

631 - Mrs. Margaret Snouffer

PARKVIEW:

524 - Mrs. Pauline Auer

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

10:00 A.M. Rehearsal for Christmas Drama

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

5:00 P.M. Caroling

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:00 P.M. Family Service

11:00 P.M. Candlelight Communion Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS

OFFICE WILL CLOST AT 12:00 NOON ON CHRISTMAS EVE DAY.

BIRTHDAYS December 24-30

Michael O'Laughlin (24)

Richard Thompson (24)

Susan Watson (25)

Jeannie Norman (25)

Elizabeth Dull (26)

Carolyn Falbe (26)

Russell Sturgis (26)

Michele Reeves (27)

Marsha Busse (27)

Tomi Fry (28)

Steven Powell (28)

Sarah Smith (28)

John Mathis (28)

Lucile Branstrator (29)

Kathy Lee (29)

Celestia Walters (29)

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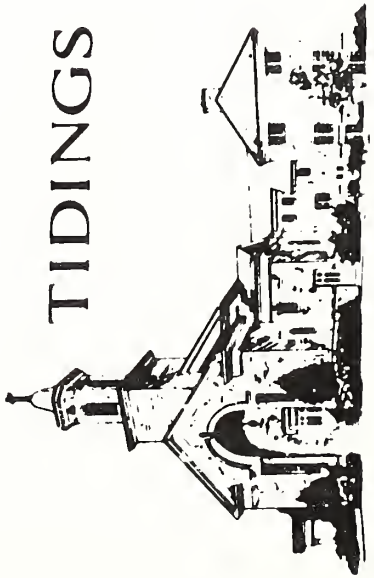

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Special Christmas Services

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE - 7:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT, COMMUNION SERVICE
11:00 p.m. Child care provided.

SOCK & MITTEN TREE

Again this year there will be a tree in the fellowship hall that needs decorations of warm socks, mittens, and hats. These items will be sent to the Christian Children's Home in Cleveland. Please help us to decorate it. There are many of these children who have none of these items.

"WHITE GIFTS"

Please bring a non-perishable food item wrapped in white paper to the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. As part of the service, the "white gifts" will be brought to the chancel as an offering. Donations will be given to the needy.

Together in Mission
Christmas 1987

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The Christmas offering is one of six special offerings "over and above" regular giving which goes to support the world wide work of the church. Envelopes will be provided in the pews. These special offerings have generated over $3,000.00 for mission this year!

Merry Christmas

THANK YOU

Esther Whitton sends her thanks and best wishes to all for cards, prayers, and other remembrances. She hopes to be back in Fort Wayne soon (she is now at son Doyle's in Remington).

CORRECTION

The Fitches, Joe & Phyllis, are staying in Phoenix at 3024 N. 24th Street, #5, Phoenix 85016.

CONGRATULATION

The Weickers are grandparents to Ian David Wathen.

Larry & Sue Brey are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Sara Emily Louise, born Sunday, December 20, 7:15 p.m., 7 pounds, 12 ounces, 21 inches long!

CONCERNS

Nell Roe, long time member of First Christian died last week. Her funeral was Tuesday. We remember her husband Gail in our prayers!

ATTENTION CYF'ers

CYF will be postponed until Linn Bartling, our Minister of Education, comes on board which will be February 1.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO THE CONGREGATION

Ted, Terri, Christopher, & Matthew Pfenning; Mary Cook; Henry Flowers; The Bruckman's; Jessie Keller; Mrs. Fern D. Kenline; Jill & John Hine; Jerry, Sandy, & Mark Zimmerman; Jack & Janet Weicker; Max, Debbie, & Craig Knudsen; Harold & Ruby Cline; The Strickland Family, Deb, Larry, Brie, Jill, Jodi, Jena; Mary Wilhelm; Bette Haines; Mike & Cheryl Zurcher; Eric & Robin Zimmerman; Bob & Bev Hendricks; Mary Piatt; Grace Truby; Harold & Edna Nordblom; Charline Craig; Martha & Kenneth Hunt; Margaret & Bert Leversee; Jim & Neva Mennewisch; Bill & Myrtle DeVinney; The Leininger's; Merle & Betty Grimm; Dorothy Schmidt; Bill & Jo Franklin; Judy & Ralph Church, Earl & Ruth Plummer.

FROM OUR GLOBAL MISSION PARTNERS

Bob & Jane Williams are serving in the tiny African country of Lesotho. The following letter is first in a series we will receive. When our Regional Minister (Howard Goodrich) and his wife, Darlene, traveled in Africa last year, they took a piece of Indiana limestone carved in the shape of the State of Indiana with the Disciple chalice in relief.

Dear Friends,

We were very appreciative of your cassette introduction of Indiana staff and were very glad to be linked with the Indiana Region in the Global Mission Partners Program.

Our time with Darlene and Howard was refreshing, as they shared themselves and the work of Disciples as well as our Disciples/UCC connection. The Retreat fulfilled a need among our mission staff and the Goodriches hopefully will be able to interpret the witness of the Church in Africa as a result of their visit here, as well as other African Churches.

Our all-too-brief visit in November and December 1986, and January 1987, allowed us a time in Indianapolis with the Board (Division of Overseas Ministries), following which we had a taste of Indiana Discipledom at the Southside Church in Kokomo.

(CON'T. BOTTOM OF PAGE 3)

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Well, I'm looking back on Advent now and feeling great satisfaction. I think the month has been beautiful and I'm looking forward to Christmas Eve. Thanks to Laura York, the Worship Committee, the choirs, and everyone else who has made Advent so beautiful.

My 40th birthday is one I will not soon forget! The black armbands the Bell Choir wore were a real nice touch! I was so embarrassed when the choir sang the birthday song that my face was red clear back to my hair! My office had been draped in black, of course.....I have only one response to all of this -- I know who you are, and you will pay! (I meant that in Christian love, of course). It's great to be remembered.

My family and I will be winging south on Christmas Day for a brief visit with my parents and the sun (you remember Mr. Sun, don't you?). We'll be back for worship January 3.

I hope you and yours have a wonderful Christmas holiday. God loves you, that's the message! I love you, too.

See you January 3.

Love,

Dick

SCENE FROM FIRST

Christmas smiles on the faces of our shut-ins as they were being caroled and given lovely poinsettias.....Opal Carper also smiling as she served carolers hot chocolate and coffee as they came in out of the cold.....Armbands - black - on every member of the choirs in honor of Dick's 40th birthday.....Well -- a tuba playing Taps from the balcony was overruled in the name of worshipful discretion.....Beautiful sight of families in the congregation re-united at this happy season -- kids and parents visiting from out of town.....Bill Franklin's magic book and wide eyed children.....Sandy Zimmerman singing in the choir less than ten days after surgery -- remarkable recovery, a joy!.....

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CON'T FROM PAGE 2

We received visits from Robert and Jane Bell (Richmond, Indiana) for a week recently and our Zaire colleagues, Sandra and Daniel Gourdet, with their two children, shared with us for five days our common concern for the Church in Zaire where we previously worked.

The Indiana Region sandstone logo is hanging just in front of my desk at home, and we appreciate the thoughtfulness of such a gift -- particularly one so bulky as to have been carried by the Goodriches so carefully all the way from Indiana.

Thank you once again for the cassette greeting, and we trust that we may be reasonably faithful partners in this new relationship.

Sincerely,

Bob and Jane Williams

SERVING DECEMBER 27

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and John Ohneck

10:45 A.M. Mark Snyder and Pat Mullen

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Smith-SW, B. Lindsay-NW, M. Novachcoff, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. R. Stover-SW, L. Stover-NW, J. Bushey-SE, C. Falbe-NE, M. Crouse, J. McGrew, B. Kerley, S. Zimmerman

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, C. Byrket

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, T. Knuckles, T. Davis

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

R. Church - J. Myers
D. Graham - S. Callahan
W. Johnson - Jt. Myers
P. Mullen - E. Snouffer

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Dick & Erma Vanderwall

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Karen Bushey & Jo Sickafoose

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Laura York

10:45 A.M. Dick Vanderwall

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

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9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

12:00 NOON Office closes

BIRTHDAYS January 1-7
Saleum Manachank (1)
Al Creager (2)
Linda Hayes (2)
Scott Johnson (3)
Marvin Roseberry (3)
Velma Hechler (4)
Andith Wrisk (4)
Linda Wiley (4)
Tracy Critell (5)
Milas Driver (6)
Sara Mullen (6)
Eva Rousseau (6)
Richard Polk (6)
Ken Taylor (7)

For Unto Us

a Child is born, a Son is given

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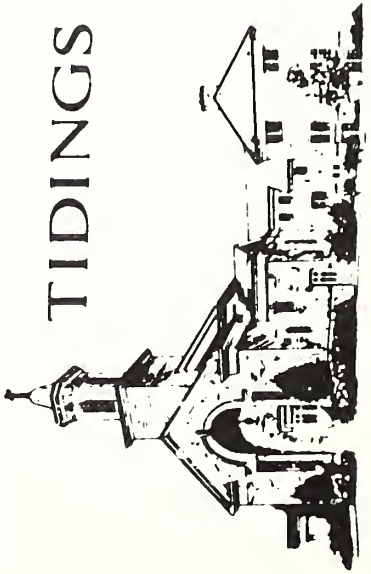

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FROM THE OUTREACH & SERVICE COMMITTEE

On Sunday, January 10, we are privileged to have a special guest with us. Juanita Mendenhall will be speaking to all interested youth and adults on the subject of teenage pregnancy. Mrs. Mendenhall is a teacher at South Side High School and comes to us highly recommended. The Outreach and Service Committee invites you to meet with us at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall.

1988 C.W.F. CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

It's never too early to begin making things for our bazaar which is planned for next fall. Now is a great time to take advantage of the after Christmas sales and stock up on craft supplies. Get busy using your special talents!

FOOD BANK

We are in need of workers for the Food Bank on Fridays. Edna Nordblom will be happy to train any new volunteers. The Food Bank is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. If you can help, please call Gini Brown at 447-5764. Many thanks!

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

The 1988 coffee hour sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall. Please take a turn in serving for this. Thank you.

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES PRESENTS WINTER THAW

Four Tuesday evenings (January 19, 26, February 2, 9) 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Associated Churches is sponsoring several workshops and seminars as follows:

"From the Mayflower Compact to the Bill of Rights" (religion in the American experience).

"Economics of the Poor & Needy" (housing, jobs, training/education).

"Developing Lay Leadership" (planning productive meetings, volunteer resourcing).

"Tools in Christian Education" (Bible Study methods, use of music, drama, worship).

"Understanding Issues in Peace" (USSR, China, Mideast, Nicaragua).

Each seminar will feature excellent leadership. Registration forms are available from Dick Hamm or the Associated Churches office (422-3528).

A WORTHY NEW YEAR'S PROJECT

Have you thought you'd like to read the whole Bible, but felt overwhelmed upon beginning (many of us have read Genesis 10 times, but never gotten to Exodus!). Well, consider; according to one estimate, it takes only 70 hours 40 minutes to read the entire Bible! That's 52:20 for the Old Testament, and 18:20 for the New. Not bad! Why not do it? But use a version that is easy to read and understand (like the RSV or the Good News Bible).

PRAYER & CONCERN

Donna Byers leaves January 6 to go to Chicago for surgery a bit later in the month. Our prayers go with her.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dave & Janice Russell (friends of First) became parents again on December 20. Christopher William - 8 lbs. 7 ozs., 20½", welcome!

FROM THE WILTFONGS

Dear Fort Wayne Friends,

Just a note to let you know we are still alive! Beth has been working for Kelly Services out of Columbus, and I am enjoying the "honeymoon" time with First Christian, Edinburgh. We miss you and think about you often.

Albert and Lucy continue to grow at a frightening rate, as children do. Albert will turn two next month, and has been practicing for it, fits and all! Lucy has made a few new friends, but still talks about her friends "when we lived in Fort Wayne."

We want to congratulate you on hiring Linn Bartling as your Christian Educator. She is, without a doubt, the best in Fort Wayne. Her creativity and expertise will serve you well!

God Bless you all in this Christmas season!

Yours,
Don, Beth, Lucy, and Albert

The following was contributed by one of our shut-ins, Mary Piatt, a dear person. She calls this "My Old Lady's Prayer"! However, I think it applies to all of us - Dick.

Father,

Thou knowest I am growing older - please keep me from becoming talkative and possessed with the idea that I must express myself on every subject.

Release me from the craving to straighten out everyones affairs.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless detail.

Seal my lips when I am inclined to tell of my aches and pains.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be wrong.

Make me thoughtful but not moody, helpful but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom and experience, it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want to keep my friends until the end.

AMEN!!

FIRST REACHES OUT!

FOOD BANK REPORT FOR 1987

Our Food Bank (one of 22 in the city) has had a busy year of service! The following statistics will give us some idea:

Number of family units served:	308
Number of individuals served:	1,058
Number of first time clients:	120
Number of repeat clients:	188
Estimated number of meals:	9,630

The Food Bank System, which began with our pantry program here at First Christian and was later developed by Associated Churches into the present system, serves the poor of our city in an effective, efficient manner. Our hats are off to the volunteers who have served this past year in our bank: Bill Crouse, Dick Mory, Vince Wells, Don Parlette, Dave & Arabella Kreischer, Bev Hendricks, Evelyn Yeoman, Phyllis & Russell Long, Genevieve & Rolland Ripple, Jack Schmidt, Mary King, Mary Schnurr, John and Josephine Weyer, Bette Haines, Judy Mey, and Jody & Ted Smalley.

We also acknowledge the gifts of money and food and volunteers contributed by our neighborhood churches.

Special thanks to Co-Chairs Gini Brown and Edna Nordblom, and bookkeeper Mary Wilhelm.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

By the time you receive this, my family and I will be back from St. Pete (or nearly so). I'm sure we had a good time -- especially since I planned to stay out of boats!

Here we are at the beginning of a new year. This always feels like a time of hope for me. It's a chance to start afresh. Seed catalogues start coming in, and I love to thumb through and think about what I'll be planting in a couple of months (well, O.K., three or four). This is also seed time for the staff! We are looking toward Lent and Easter and dreams and visions for the new program year beginning in September (you have to look pretty far ahead). Of course, with Linn Bartling coming on staff February 1, I'm really excited about possibilities for our educational program. I sincerely believe that 1988 will be a wonderful year for us at First Christian.

There is a resolution or two I would like to ask of you, the congregation, for the new year: 1. resolve to invite people to worship and other events — friends, neighbors, co-workers, family. 2. resolve to care about and to get to know the people who are here on Sunday morning — visitors and members! We want to be a growing and caring church, and this is the only way it can happen.

As we enter this new year together, I want to say thank you for allowing me to be your pastor. I love it here.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. My sermon Sunday will be "A Visit With Paul". I think you'll find it interesting. You may wish to read Ephesians 3:1-12.

SCENE FROM FIRST

Many happy family re-unions at Christmas time with children and parents, aunts and uncles, cousins visiting from afar off, and being present together in our worship services.....We should have gotten pictures of all of our Advent families lighting the candles - how sweet it was!.....the Mory's, Kerley's, Smith's, Bushey's, Callahan's, Krull's, Neeley's, Ohneck's, Klepfer's, Parlette's, Vanderwall's -- sometimes three generations.....Happy, excited children with beautiful birthday cakes made by Elinor Place for Christmas Eve.....Extra special solos and duets playing and singing the music of the season, and a choir that wanted to sing the Sunday after Christmas.....Comment overheard by Pastor being celebrated for his 40th birthday at 9:00 a.m. amid black streamers, black balloons, black roses "Whew. Only 16 hours to go!".....Comment from Sue Brey exiting delivery room with newborn baby girl to Janice Russell entering delivery room, as their gurneys passed each other in the hall: "I bet you wish you were in my place!"

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO THE CONGREGATION

Lucille Branstrator; Mike, Pat, Sara, & Steve Mullen; Ethel Richhart; Jane & Joe Wagoner; Russell Sturgis; Laura & Tom York; Bill & Margaret Love; Harold & Colyn Crowder; William Schilling, Jr.; Anna Taylor; Ardith & Charles Wrisk; Ed & Rosalie Hall; Barbara, Chris & Matt Busse; and Al & Susan Creager, Shannon & Scott.

LEGISLATIVE FORUM OFFERED BY INDIANA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

January 9, Interchurch Center, Indianapolis 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The workshop will offer a look at issues that will be facing the Indiana Legislature in the new year. This is for everyone! Registration forms can be obtained from Dick Hamm.

SERVING JANUARY 3

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and Bill Johnson

10:45 A.M. Liz & Wayne Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Graham-SW, S. Smith-NW, N. Mennewisch, J. Kelly

10:45 A.M. S. Callahan-SW, K. Taylor-NW, P. Tobias-SE, K. Tobias-NE, D. Ross, J. Franklin, D. Mey, J. Mey

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8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, D. Schmidt

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, A. Kreischer, D. Kreischer

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Shaun & Brooke Spencer

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Mindy Hamm & Sam Hayes

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Dick Vanderwall

CHURCH CALENDAR

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9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades K-5th

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Bell Choir

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00 A.M. Elder's Meeting

BIRTHDAYS JANUARY 8-14

Mike Callahan (8)
Bill Schilling, Jr. (8)
Myrtle DeVinney (10)
Gene Lantz (10)
Gwynth Rice (10)
Julie Cooke (11)
Carolyn King (11)
Bev Kerr (13)
Mark Lehman (13)
Rychie Smell (13)
Loretta Orr (14)
John Roush (14)

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Elizabeth Dull's 98 year old mother has fallen and broke her hip and she's in Lutheran Hospital. Our prayers are with her.

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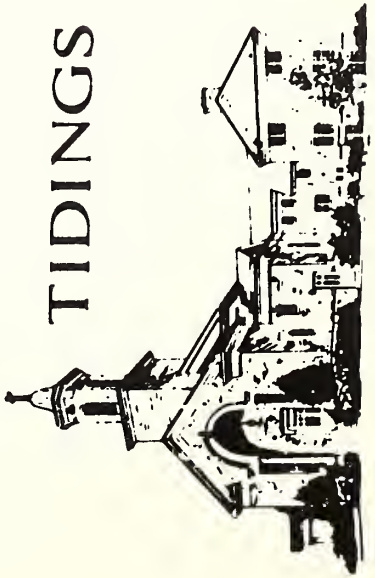

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RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
October is—	Church Loyalty month!			1 9:30 a Naomi Circle 5:30 p Carillon 7:00 p Chancel Choir	2 6:00 p Rehearsal for Laymon/Zurcher Wedding	3 2:00 p Wedding of Laymon/Zurcher
4 8:15 & 10:45 a Worship Bring A Friend Sunday 9:30 a Church School 5:30 p CYF (dress for jogging) 6:15 p Prayer Service	5 6:30 p Area I at North Christian Church 7:00 p Calling Night	6 7:00 p Worship Committee	7 11:00 a MM Pastoral Relations 6:30 p Creative Arts 7:15 p Wellness Seminar	8 5:30 p Carillon 7:00 p Chancel Choir	9	10 8:00 a Share the Care Day
11 8:15 & 10:45 a Worship 9:30 a Church School Ft. Wayne Children's Choir at 10:45 Worship 6:00 p CYF 6:15 p Prayer Service	12 1:30 p Fellowship Guild at Lorea Kuhlman's 7:00 p Calling Night	13 11:30 a Rebecca Group 12:45 p Rachel Group 6:00 p Bread for the World 7:30 p Board of Trustee	14 12:00 Noon Associated Churches Board 6:30 p Creative Arts 7:15 p Wellness Seminar	15 5:30 p Carillon 7:00 p Chancel Choir	16 12:00 Noon D.M.A. goes to the Fort (G E N E R A L	17 A S S E M B L Y I N
18 8:15 & 10:45 a Worship Services 9:30 a Church School 6:00 p CYF 6:15 p Prayer Service L O U I S V I L	19 7:00 p Calling Night L E K E N T U C	20 1:30 p CWF to Emily Flinn Home 7:00 p Sarah Group K Y T H R O U G H	21 6:30 p Creative Arts T H U R S. N I G H T)	22 5:30 p Carillon 7:00 p Chancel Choir	23 6:30 p Parent's Night Out	24 7:30 p Sol Gordon at the Temple
25 8:15 & 10:45 a Worship Services 9:30 a Church School 6:00 p CYF 6:15 p Prayer Service	26 7:00 p Calling Night	27 7:00 p Committees	28 6:30 p Creative Arts 7:00 p Christian Education Committee	29 5:30 p Carillon 7:00 p Chancel Choir	30 7:00 p Hayride for Choirs and families at Meyer's Barn	31 7:00 - 9:00 p Halloween Party for all ages
		Reach In -	—	Reach Out!		

Calendar Events for November need to be in the office by Friday, October 23. Thank you!

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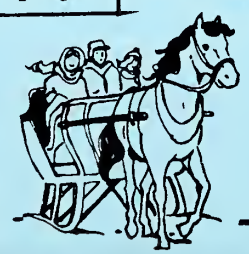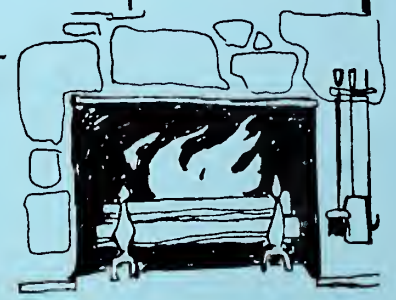
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					1 OFFICE CLOSED	2
3 8:15 & 10:45 a Worship 9:30 a Church School 6:15 p Prayer Service	4 7:00 p Calling Night	5	6 6:30 p Creative Arts in Worship	7 5:30 p Carillon 7:00 p Chancel Choir	8	9 8:00 a Elder's Meeting
10 8:15 & 10:45 a Worship 9:30 a Church School 6:15 p Prayer Service 7:00 p Martin Luther King Observance at Plymouth	11 7:00 p Calling Night	12 11:30 a Rebecca Group 12:45 p Rachel Group 6:00 p Bread for the World 7:30 p Board/Trustees	13 6:30 p Creative Arts in Worship	14 5:30 p Carillon 7:00 p Chancel Choir	15 12:00 NOON D.M.A. at Window Garden for lunch and then to Botanical Gardens	16 9:00 a C.W.F. Work Day & General Meeting
17 8:15 & 10:45 a Worship 9:30 a Church School 6:15 p Prayer Service	18 7:00 p Calling Night	19 7:00 p Sarah Group	20 6:30 p Creative Arts in Worship 7:15 p Marriage Enrich. Seminar	21 5:30 p Carillon 7:00 p Chancel Choir	22	23 9:00 a Neighborhood Task Force Meeting
LAY SUNDAY - Eunice Conrad preaching —WEEK OF THE LAITY 24 8:15 & 10:45 a Worship 9:30 a Church School 6:15 p Prayer Service	25 7:00 p Calling Night	26 7:00 p Committee Meetings	27 6:30 p Creative Arts in Worship 7:00 p C.E. Meeting 7:15 p Marriage Enrich. Seminar	28 5:30 p Carillon 7:00 p Chancel Choir	29	30 8:30 a Sunshine Committee Breakfast
31 8:15 & 10:45 a Worship 9:30 a Church School 6:15 p Prayer Service